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PRODIGALS RETURN.

KWANGSI FORCES OUTSIDE CANTON.

NO "FATTED CALF."

Leaders Making Sure of Their Ground First.

SOUND AND MODERATE GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED.

Premature reports reached Hong Kong yesterday evening that the Kwangsi army was back in control of Canton, after an exile of several weeks caused by the Ironsides' coup. Such has been denied.

However, the prodigals are expected momentarily. The Canton public will accord them a hearty welcome but it is afraid that the fatted calf has been stripped lean by the Ironsides and Reds in turn.

Trouble is not anticipated. At the most favourable opportunity, the Kwangsi army will enter Canton but not before their leaders make sure of their ground. A sound, moderate Government is confidently predicted.

PREMATURE REPORTS.

Although Canton has not been taken in the accepted sense of the term, the honours have been decided already.

General Li Fook-lum and his Papersides held the balance of power between the Ironsides and the Kwangsi army. His army barred the march of the Kwangsi expedition to Canton along the last 30 miles.

The "China Mail" political correspondent is informed by a reliable source that he has yielded to the inevitable or, rather, to the most desirable, and swung over to the Kwangsi faction, as is explained in other messages below.

Hurried Departure. So great was the hurry of the Ironsides in evacuating Canton, it now transpires, that they forsook a good deal of not very expensive property.

As reported in the "China Mail" last week, the Ironsides are now concentrated on the East River, about 60 miles east of Canton.

Statements have been made that the Ironsides along the East River have clashed with the Kwangsi expedition from Swatow and that the Nationalist adventurers from Fukien are also marching on Canton.

Non-Existence War. Inquiries in the best informed circles show that there is no truth in the news of hostilities between the East River and Swatow.

So soon as they are ready, the Ironsides intend marching north-eastward of Kiangsi and Fukien provinces unless, of course, pressure on them by the Kwangsi faction is relieved by an unexpected source.

Swatow Normal.

Swatow, Yesterday. Ships calling here now have no difficulty in regard to the discharge and unloading of cargo, the imprestment of coolies by the local military forces having ceased.—British Naval Wireless.

LATEST NEWS.

Wong Shiu-hung Brings Up The Rear.

The Canton public believes that the Ironsides took with them all the cash they could lay hands on in the Treasury, this belief leading to further depreciation in the government banknotes.

Latest news is that the Kwangsi expedition called a halt yesterday to allow the units further in the rear to come up.

The force of 10,000 or so beyond Samshui will be increased to 20,000 before the army moves on another 30 miles or so eastwards along the railway to reach Canton, which they are expected to do to-morrow morning.

General Wong Shiu-hung is coming in person.

He has been informed by couriers from the Papersides that no opposition will be placed in his way.

THREAT SUCCEEDS.

Why Papersides Changed Their Colours.

How General Li Fook-lum, as he has done many times before, changed colours before the climax, is related in a message from the "China Mail" political correspondent.

The 12th division of the

SHIPPING WAR.

Jute Trade From Calcutta.

GLOOMY PREDICTION.

Negotiations For An Agreement Break Down.

New York, Yesterday. It is believed that the decision of the United States Shipping Board to reduce the cargo rate on jute burlap bagging from Calcutta to Boston and New York from 35 to 25 cents per 100 lb. weight from January 1 has precipitated a struggle in the shipping industry which may have serious consequences for some of the Companies before peace is restored.

The reduction is the result of the inability of the Roosevelt Steamship Company, which operates a fleet of motor ships for the American Government, to reach an agreement with the Cunard, Broekbank, and Ellerman groups in regard to the division of 650,000 tons of jute carried annually from Calcutta to America.

The Roosevelt line demanded the allotment of 16 to 20 direct sailings from Calcutta, besides its indirect service, but the British lines refused and claimed a major portion of the trade on the ground of their established connections, their existing contracts, and their highly efficient service.

It is intimated that other reductions will follow, if necessary, to secure what Government officials regard as their proper share of the trade.—Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET REBUFFED.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY IN GENEVA.

OBSEVERS NOT WANTED.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Swiss Federal Council has announced that it will not permit the establishment of an official Soviet News Agency in Geneva, but it cannot refuse the presence of an ordinary Journalist in Geneva who is merely exercising his profession, as long as he does not act as an "observer" or in an official or semi-official capacity.—Reuter.

son is allowed to land from any incoming ship unless he can produce credentials signed by a responsible firm or individual in the city. If such are not forthcoming, the passenger must return by the same ship.

All cargo is carefully searched, but no attempt is made to hinder legitimate commerce.

2,000 Recruits. A force of approximately two thousand men is being recruited to maintain law and order in the city during the absence of so many of the garrison. This new force is distributed throughout the city at strategic points, keeping watch day and night. It has had a healthful effect.

H.M.S. "Tern" is in port.—Our own correspondent.

BEFORE THE CLIMAX.

Stages in the Victorious March.

Events leading up to the climax are related by eyewitnesses.

No opposition was extended to the Kwangsi expedition as it swept eastwards and it soon became evident that the units remaining in Canton will be fraternizing with the Kwangsi men once more.

Yesterday morning, the advance was proceeding along the Canton-Samshui Railway, Samshui having already been entered because the pro-Cantonese garrison had retired the day before.

Final Sprint.

By noon yesterday, about 3,000

Papersides arrived at Shek-

Wai-tong, one of the environs of Canton, separated from the city by the River.

Having marched leisurely along the West River, the distance from Wuchow down to Samshui being about 120 miles, the Kwangsi expedition made haste yesterday on approaching their goal.

Panic was felt in Canton city on Monday night when the main force of the Kwangsi army was at Samshui, its first objective.

On retreating from Samshui,

the Papersides entered the west

of Canton and then crossed the River to Honan.

Passengers Need Credentials.

In order to guard against

Communists and trouble-makers

entering Wuchow, no per-

TRUSTEE BANKING.

Instone Corporation's Opening.

BRILLIANT CEREMONY.

Mr. Instone Brewer Outlines Aims Of Institution.

A step forward in the practice of banking was taken in Hong Kong this morning when the Colony's first Trustee Bank was officially opened. This is the Instone Banking Corporation, operating at 25, Des Vieux Road Central. Other banking institutions, of course, undertake trusteeship, but this is the first to devote its activities almost solely to this branch. The aims of the Corporation may be summarised in its own words thus:

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"Open" To Public.

This morning the premises were tastefully decorated and up to the hour of noon presented an animated appearance, the Bank being "open" to the public.

The opening ceremony was preceded by an introductory speech, after which "Hoi Mok" was ob-

FAIR AND COOLER.

Fresh Monsoon Along Coast.

North-east winds, moderate, fair; cooler, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The Yangtze depression has moved eastward to S.W. Japan. An anticyclone has formed over N. China. The monsoon will freshen along S. E. coast of China.

served, a large red curtain being pulled aside and the assembled visitors bowing to the success of the Institution.

Mr. Instone Brewer.

Mr. Instone Brewer, President of the Corporation, then briefly outlined the functions of the Bank, which were, he said, the protection of investors by all manner of financial assistance, the investigation of investment value, the care of property, and general trusteeship.

The idea of such a Corporation as they now had was not, he continued, his own. Originally he planned the affair on a much smaller scale, but the enlargement had been forced by general acclamation and support. Such gentlemen as Fung Cheung Kwong (President of the Government Bank, Peking), Kwik Djeng-eng (the "Sugar King") and Li Yuan-hung (formerly President of the Republic of China) and other supporters had not been content with the idea in its limited development. Thus had greatness been thrust upon him.

The evolution of the Bank went on Mr. Brewer, compelled him to reconsider the position. He (the speaker) was not a banker, and in organising the Corporation thus far, he conceived he had done a sufficiency. From now on it was his intention to concentrate on the original idea of trusteeship as far as his own working was concerned. This would undoubtedly be more than sufficient for one man's efforts. From this point the Bank, as such, would be run by banking interests provided from amongst the institution's supporters.

Prominent Visitors.

Mr. Lee Ting-sang announced

the prominent visitors, many of

whom had given presents to the

Bank. These included:—Mr. Li

Yuan-hung, former President of

China; Mr. Fung Kin-kong, Pre-

ident of Chinese Government

Bank; Mr. Fung Cheung-kong,

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of Finance, Peking; Mr. Kwo

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Co., Hong Kong; Mr. To Chak-

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ager, Industrial Commercial Bank;

Mr. Chow Man-cho, Kwangtung

Finance Minister; Mr. Yew Kok-

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to and other merchants and bankers

of Bonham Strand; Mr. Hui

Cheung, Chairman of the Chinese

Chamber of Commerce, Macao,

etc. etc.

Visitors' Thanks.

Messrs. Dung Gung-suk and

Lum Jak-fung, Vice-President of

the Confucius Society, returned

thanks on behalf of the guests

for the hospitality afforded and

the opportunity of listening to the

lucid descriptions of the Bank's

aims. They wished the institu-

tion all possible prosperity.

Speeches were also made by

Mr. P. C. Lee, manager of the

Bank, and Mr. Lee Yuk-tin, Vice-

President, after which guests

were invited to partake of re-

freshments in the function ter-

minating with a giant display of

crackers.

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BEATEN BADLY.

Reverses For Peking's Armies.

FENG'S BIG DRIVE.

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Significant victories by parties

now fighting the Peking Govern-

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NOTICE.

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BY ORDER.

Hong Kong, 28th December, 1927.

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GREAT FIRE.

25,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS AT PASAY.

1,000,000 LOSS.

Manila, Dec. 22. Twenty-five hundred persons were left homeless and practically destitute as the result of yesterday's blaze in the nipa district of Pasay, according to estimates made late last night by Constabulary and Pasay police. Seven hundred homes were destroyed within the short period of an hour, with an approximate total loss of P.1,000,000.

The flames started in the residence of Anselmo del Rosario at 42 Calle Concepcion and aided by a strong wind, soon swept over the entire district extending from Calle F. B. Harrison to Pasay Beach on the east and west, and north and south from Sto. Domingo to Maytubig.

For more than half an hour, the Pasay nipa district was a seething furnace, vomiting flames and smoke out over the bay and making it almost impossible for effective fire-fighting. The fire was also favoured by the low pressure on the water mains and throughout the duration of the blaze, only four hydrants were in use.

The first fire alarm was turned in at 3.52 o'clock and the Paco, Intramuros and Tanduay fire departments responded. A second alarm was turned in after the houses in the block included in Calle Salud and Concepcion had been totally destroyed. Reserve firemen from the Tanduay and Central fire stations answered the second call.

The blaze was placed under control at about 4.40 p.m., but firemen remaining on the scene until an early hour this morning. The centre of the devastated area is still in flames, although no further outbreak is anticipated. A complete survey on the amount of damage will not be made until late to-day, Pasay officials announce.

Otis L. Vanderford and Captain Lorenzo, chief and assistant chief of the Manila fire department personally directed the fire control work, and on more than one occasion, duty led them into the furnace. Four fire captains, the largest number ever posted in a single fire this year, were on duty.

Brick Wall Halts Blaze.

Thanks to a brick wall along Calle Sra. del Rosario, and the strong material house occupied by John Shannon, of the Standard Oil Company, together with the timely arrival of the firemen, the flames were prevented from spreading further northward.

The Congressmen charged, in effect, that great quantities of liquor are being imported from Europe and smuggled openly through the hands of customs inspectors by means of cancelled customs stamps.—United Press.

When the fire first broke out and gave evidence of developing serious proportions, the residents of the district started pouring out in streams to Calle Vito Cruz, carrying a few hastily collected belongings.

The evacuation was almost complete and resulted in few casualties and injuries, despite the suddenness of the blaze and the rapidity with which it swept bayward.

Residents whose homes were built on the beach, evidently thinking that their houses might be saved, were slow in leaving the district. Their calculations were proved wrong in time that might be figured in seconds, and hundreds took to the bay on short notice.

A convenient sand bar, forming a peninsula just above the stricken area, proved a refuge. The scene that followed the evacuation of those residents along the beach was appalling. Articles of furniture, trinkets, bundles of clothing and even foodstuffs were dumped into the bay, their owners following in quick time. Old men, old women and children were to be seen wading about in the shallow waters of the beach, propelling their salvaged furniture ashore for an hour after their homes had been destroyed.

The peninsula soon became overcrowded and those who had arrived first finally made their way ashore, lugging their belongings with them.

Difficulty was encountered in securing enough beds for the homeless and although hundreds were donated by Manilans and citizens of Pasay, Red Cross workers were busy until an early hour this morning bringing blankets and cots to the relief zone.

Fresh water was furnished the victims by the army. A large water tank, holding 100 barrels, was brought in from Fort McKinley and placed at the disposal of the Red Cross.

Pigs, Dogs, Cats, Chickens, Swine.

The district live-stock, comprising for the most part, of pigs, dogs, cats and chickens, swarmed out of the cauldron in droves, and the pigs, using more intelligence than is usually accredited to their species took the water.

Other houses, some within only a few feet of the nipa, were saved by similar efforts on the part of the firemen. A sudden change in the wind, which although slight, like wise proved a great aid.—"Manila Bulletin."

P. I. QUESTIONS.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW GOVERNOR.

QUEZON NOT CONSULTED.

Washington, Dec. 20. Col. Henry L. Stimson, newly appointed governor-general of the Philippines, called upon President Coolidge to-day and, with Secretary of War Davis, discussed Philippine problems. It is expected that Col. Stimson will return to Washington early next month for another conference with the president. Shortly after that he will depart for Manila.

Col. Stimson expressed gratification over the speed with which the senate confirmed his nomination. "I understand the vote was unanimous," he said. "Perhaps it was because the senate realised that I wasn't looking for the job."

It is generally considered here that President Coolidge, in reaching his decision to appoint Col. Stimson, counselled only with himself, although it is thought likely that Chief Justice Taft, who once served as governor-general of the islands, may have been consulted. It is considered that Col. Stimson was induced to take the position entirely as a result of the president's persuasive arguments.

Those most familiar with the situation believe that the president had decided upon the late General Wood's successor before Senators Quezon and Osmena arrived in this country, but notwithstanding this, the Filipino leaders have expressed gratification over the president's selection.

It is thought likely that a joint session of the senate committee on territories and insular possessions and the house committee on insular possessions will be held to confer with Col. Stimson when he returns to Washington next month. Some members of the committees, including Chairman Kress of the house committee, already have conferred with the new governor-general.—Associated Press.

LIQUOR PROBE.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING AT NEW YORK.

Washington, Dec. 18. Investigation of charges by Congressman La Guardia of New York concerning alleged liquor smuggling through the New York Customs was started to-day by the Special Intelligence Service of the U.S. Treasury Department on order of Treasury officials.

The Congressman charged, in effect, that great quantities of liquor are being imported from Europe and smuggled openly through the hands of customs inspectors by means of cancelled customs stamps.—United Press.

MR. A. STEADMAN.

CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR HAWAII IS INDORSED.

Washington, Dec. 19. Nomination of Alva Steadman as circuit judge for Hawaii was to-day unanimously approved by the senate Judiciary Committee.—United Press.

tents, furnished by the army, were erected, and nurses were posted throughout the relief area.

The military authorities at Camp Nichols are also aiding in the relief work, co-operating with Red Cross and the Constabulary officials. Approximately 80 soldiers of both units stood guard over the district last night.

The municipal authorities of Pasay last night rendered many of the homeless aid by furnishing bread, salmon and canned meat to the victims. Carlos de la Cruz, municipal president, took charge of the work.

"Miracles Performed."

The saving of many houses situated on the outskirts of the nipa area was nothing short of miraculous. The dwelling owned by Pablo Ocampo, former resident commissioner, and now occupied by Jose Ramirez, well known Manila merchant, emerged from the midst of the flames unharmed, although half surrounded by nipa houses.

The dwellings at the rear of the Ocampo building were razed to the ground and it seemed certain that the pretentious dwelling would soon be reduced to embers. The water pressure, which had at first been so weak that it was impossible to project a stream for more than a few meters, had grown stronger, and water was played on the commissioners' home.

The saving of the commissioners' home. The saving of this house, which can be largely accredited to the sudden increase in water pressure, prevented the spread of the flames to other strong material houses.

Last night, the homeless were sheltered and fed on the vacant area just off Calle Vito Cruz, the Philippines Chapter of the American Red Cross, under the direction of Charles Forster, manager, taking charge of the relief work. Sixteen

DRAFTS HELD.

FOR EVIDENCE IN BANK CASE.

PART OF LOOT.

Manila, Dec. 21. The central office of the Tien It Exchange Company in Shanghai recently advised its branch in Manila to suspend payment of two drafts made in favour of Lin Hok, Chinese companion of Yeo Ah Hee, step-father of Alfredo Dolores, who has figured prominently in the Bank of P. I. forgery. Payment of the drafts in Shanghai will also be suspended. The request was made by the secret service through the manager of the Manila office, following the discovery of the two drafts in Hok's possession shortly before they sailed for Shanghai on December 11 aboard the "President Pierce." The drafts were retained by the secret service.

The action of the secret service was prompted by the belief that the amount represented in the draft was a part of the P200,000 fraudulently drawn from the Bank of the Philippines Islands by employees of the San Carlos Milling Company. Chief John Nevins is understood to have in his possession the two drafts. Both Hee and Hok denied the ownership of the amount represented by the drafts, Hok stating in his affidavit signed before Chief Nevins men that the money belonged to Hee. It was agreed, according to him, that upon reaching Shanghai, the amount represented on the drafts would be turned over to Hee. The latter, on the other hand, denied having any money, and told the sleuths that his transportation expenses were footed by General Halstead Dorey, former assistant to the late Governor-General Wood, and employer of Hee.

The two sailed for Shanghai minus the drafts which the secret service men retained without any serious objection from either Hee or Hok. Secret service officials expected to unearth the other portion of the booty. Should no further steps be taken by Hee's relatives in Manila, the secret service will request the city fiscal's office to demand payment of the amount represented on the face of the two forgeries.

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EUGENIC MARRIAGES.

CONDENMED BY LONDON PRESS.

London, Dec. 22. A storm of adverse Press criticism has been called forth by the Mental Hospitals Committee's resolution urging legislation to prevent the marriage of mental defectives in Great Britain.

Critics are practically unanimous in characterising the move as hopelessly Utopian and impracticable. They declare that to draw a line of demarcation between mental defective and mental normal is almost impossible despite the advanced stage of intelligence tests.

Other critics cite the laws of Malthus and heredity to contend that mating of two intelligent people does not necessarily guarantee perfect progeny, while some of the greatest men—including Shakespeare and Milton—have come from parentage of low mental standards.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Hydrangen (661) British, from Swatow, Chiu On Co.—266 passengers, 185 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Devanya (4,758) British, from Singapore—Mackinnon Mackenzie—98 passengers, 987 general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,060 tons general (through).

Van Hentz (2,749) Dutch, from Singapore—J.C.L.—2,066 passengers, 690 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 105 tons general (through).

Kumo Maru (4,886) Japanese, from Singapore—N.Y.K.—193 passengers, 1,390 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,091 tons general (through).

Ryubo Maru (1,981) Japanese, from Takao—M.B.K.—1,510 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons coal (through).

Delli Maru (1,203) Japanese, from Canton—O.S.K.—73 passengers.

Wing Wo (603) Chinese, from Fort Bayard—Yin Kee S.S. Co.—160 tons general cargo (through).

Lee On (729) Chinese, from Macao—Ho Ho S.S. Co.—200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Taizemei (402) Chinese, from K. C. Wan—Wing Hung—150 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Saigon—Soliviken.
For Amoy—Kun Sang.
For Swatow—Hai Hong.
For Manila—Pres. Taft.
For Macao—Shiu Hing.
For Wuhu—Taipei Maru.
For Singapore—Patroclos.
For San Francisco—Pawlet.
For Haiphong—Hosei Maru.
For Takao—City of Pekin.
For Shanghai—Takaoka Maru.
Devanya.

Clearances.
For Canton—Chinhua, Huichow, Fooshing, Yenjin Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

In Arrivals. Departures Port.

British 21 23 26
Japanese 11 12 6
Norwegian 3 5 8
Chinese 12 8 20
Danish 0 1 0
Dutch 3 2 1
French 0 2 1
German 1 0 1
American 3 4 1
Swedish 0 1 1
Panama 0 0 1
Portuguese 0 0 2

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"SANK LIKE A ROCK."

DETAILS OF SUBMARINE DISASTER.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 18. In spite of failure of efforts to raise the U.S. submarine S4, sunk through collision yesterday with the destroyer "Paulding," naval authorities here were still hopeful to day that at least a portion of the ship might still be watertight.

It was admittedly the faintest sort of a faint hope, based largely on reports that during the night air bubbles and oil rose from the sunken craft during a period of two hours.

Two divers are on the scene and more are coming. Emergency ships have succeeded in looping a grappling line around the submarine, thus establishing contact and making certain the exact location. Efforts to communicate with an oscillator failed.

The one hope is that some of the compartment doors may have been closed in time.

Among those on board were Mariano Tedar, mess attendant, from Naramis, Occidental Negroes, Philippine Islands. A normal crew of 38 was carried.

Detailed reports on the accident stated that the destroyer "Paulding" was proceeding at a normal speed when the S4 broke water just ahead. The submarine had hardly more than shown its periscope when the destroyer's bow rammed into it. The submarine "sank like a rock," according to those on board the "Paulding."

The "Paulding," leaking badly from the blow on its bow, was being towed to the base, the equipment will mean the expenditure in wages of something approaching half a million pounds in this country, chiefly amongst mechanical engineering firms, as provision has to be made for the repair of ships which may require to be docked. The dock, which is being built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Wallsend, is the largest that this firm, with exceptional experience in such work, has so far built. It is fast approaching the stage when the hazardous undertaking of towing it to the Far East will be arranged.

Other vessels are proceeding to the spot, through choppy seas. Weather is cold but sunshiny. The waves are rather heavy in the immediate vicinity of the wreck, which makes the divers' task doubly difficult.

Latest reports said that fifteen ships had reached the scene.

No wreckage of any sort was found.

Persistent efforts were made to communicate with possible survivors by means of an oscillator, but no response could be obtained. In past submarine wrecks the survivors have sometimes managed to communicate by tapping on the side of their ship.—United Press.

ATLANTIC STATIONS.

EAST COAST NAVAL DEPOTS COST TOO MUCH.

Washington, Dec. 19. Abolition of all Atlantic coast naval stations except the one at Boston was advocated to-day by Admiral Thomas P. Magruder in testifying before the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Such action, the Admiral declared, would be an important step in the carrying out of the economy programme for advocacy of which he is now in bad odour with the Navy Department. He estimated that a saving of \$6,000,000 a year would be effected.

Admiral Magruder also advocated the putting off of commission of the cruisers Pittsburgh, Rochester, Cleveland, Denver, Galveston and Tulsa because they are not, in his opinion, fit for service in time of emergency.

The committee members indicated great interest in Admiral Magruder's ideas, and indications are that the hearings will continue for some time with a considerable number of witnesses being heard.—United Press.

SINGAPORE BASE.

£500,000 WAGES IN ENGLAND.

"The Admiralty have invited tenders from a few of the most important engineering firms in the country in connection with the shore work and the mechanical equipment of the Naval Base at Singapore, to which the large floating dock now approaching completion on the Tyne is to be attached," states "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record." "While a considerable part of the work must be done at the base, the equipment will mean the expenditure in wages of something approaching half a million pounds in this country, chiefly amongst mechanical engineering firms, as provision has to be made for the repair of ships which may require to be docked. The dock, which is being built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Wallsend, is the largest that this firm, with exceptional experience in such work, has so far built. It is fast approaching the stage when the hazardous undertaking of towing it to the Far East will be arranged."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port on December 20 at 6 a.m. with the outward Mail, and is due here on December 30 at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on December 26 at 4 p.m. left Shanghai yesterday at 10:30 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow at noon. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

The M.V. "Vimina" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here on January 5, 1928.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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MALWA	10,653	21st Jan.	Marsailles & London
KHYBER	9,11	4th Feb.	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,88	19th Feb.	Marsailles & London
MACEDONIA	11,124	2nd Mar.	Marsailles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	7th Mar.	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	4th Mar.	Marsailles & London
MANTUA	10,946	1st Mar.	Marsailles & London
KALYAN	9,144	18th Apr.	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th April	Marsailles & London
MORFA	10,653	28th Apr.	Marsailles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marsailles, London & Antwerp

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DELTA	8,007	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	5,250	3rd Jan.	Osaka & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,653	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	8,853	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,056	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
PNAGSAPRE	5,282	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,081	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,600	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,653	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	18th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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A representative gathering of Southampton shipping officials witnessed on Nov. 8 an interesting demonstration of the value of the "Ever Warm" life-saving suit, when Captain G. Worley, D.S.C., and Miss Jessie Downey were in attendance at the Jameson Wharf, fronting the river Itchen. Miss Downey, who was the demonstrator, is a non-swimmer, and she plunged into the cold water with the suit over her ordinary clothes. She remained immersed several minutes, and when taken from the water was both dry and perfectly warm. The demonstration made a deep impression on those who watched it, and Captain David Stonehouse, manager of the United States Lines at Southampton, expressed the opinion that it was the best life-saving suit which he had seen. The cost of the "Ever Warm" suit is £10, but arrangements have been made whereby passengers crossing the Atlantic can hire them for the trip at £2 2s. each.

When the steamer "Foremost 19," which has recently been purchased from the James Dredging, Towing and Transport Co. by Canadian owners, leaves for her voyage across the Atlantic, her entire crew will wear "Ever Warm" suits. As a matter of interest it can be stated that the Prince of Wales, Prince George, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, each had one of these suits when they crossed the last few years. Those three vessels were about 20,000 tons register and 658 feet long. The new Orient liner is to be larger than any of the previous ones, and, to constitute a record for Barrow, will have to be in the neighbourhood of 22,000 tons.

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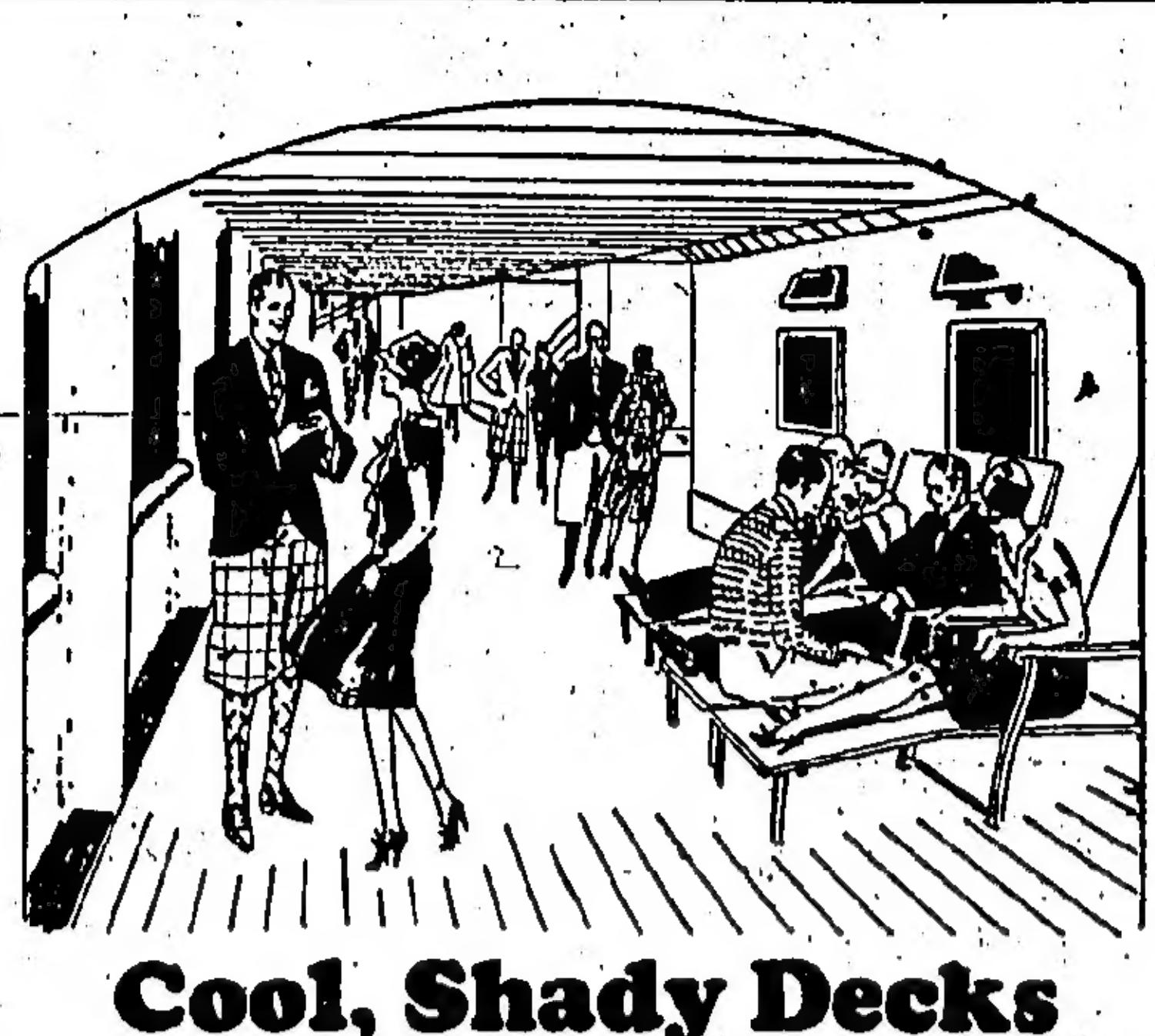
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
Titan via Swatow & Shai	FOOSHING	Sun. 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
Titan via Swatow & Shai	KWONGSANG	Wed. 4th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Titan via Swatow & Shai	CHAKSANG	Sun. 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Titan via Swatow & Shai	KWAISANG	Wed. 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSING	Mon. 2nd Jan., at 5 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Sun. 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed. 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	CHIPSING	Fri. 30th Dec., at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Sun. 1st Jan., at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Wed. 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	SUISANG	Thurs. 29th Dec., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed. 4th Jan., at 3 p.m.

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Truly, as an American paper recently pointed out, China has won the unenviable right from Ireland to be called the "most distressful country" in the world—and that in a sense that Ireland never knew in her darkest hour.

It is all very well for His Holiness the Pope to suggest a policy of appeasement to the Powers in his Christmas message, and that Great Britain and France should use their influence to secure peace in China. Any such action by any of the Powers would be misconstrued not only by China but by the other Powers with interests in China. Likewise would it be liable to be misinterpreted by the people of Europe. It is one thing to dwell on ideals, lofty though they be—it is quite another thing to suggest a concrete scheme that would be above the suspicion not alone of the beneficiaries but of the rest of the world. Mere suggestions will not end the civil wars any more than they will bring relief to the millions stricken down by famine. There is no hope of raising sufficient funds in China itself to save great numbers from a lingering death, and, we are informed, outside help is earnestly needed.

That may most unfortunately be a fact, but if the bandits and the military are making it impossible to carry out famine relief measures, it is very difficult to know exactly what to do. The Famine Relief Committees in the past, it is true, have done really splendid work in the face of unparalleled obstacles, and it may be hoped that they can do so again. Outsiders, however, whom the appeal for relief may move, must have the surest of guarantees that any funds contributed do reach the afflicted people and do not find their way into the pockets of either the military or the banditry. And it is the bounden duty of the Chinese leaders, no matter to what faction they may belong, to ensure that such a guarantee is forthcoming if thousands of their own people are not to perish of starvation.

Gloomy in the extreme is the news from Peking that foreigners in Shantung confirm the reports of the Famine Relief Societies that four million people are on the verge of starvation in that province. Great numbers are already subsisting on bark and chaff. Once prosperous farmers are disposing of their cattle "for a mere song. Unhappily, we are told, the peak of the famine has not yet been reached, and worse has still to come. The local officials attribute the famine to drought and locusta, but we prefer to believe the view of foreigners that it is chiefly owing to the civil wars, banditry, and exorbitant taxation. The banditry and military are not only accentuating the famine conditions, but they are making it impossible to carry out extensive relief measures under foreign supervision, such as the building of roads and canals.

"Appalling as are the conditions in Shantung Province it is only surprising that similar conditions do not prevail right throughout the country. The losses caused by the civil wars can never be calculated. The damage caused by the military and the banditry combined will never be known.

HOME FOOTBALL.

35 LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED IN ENGLAND.

London, Yesterday.
The following are results of the League matches played to-day:

First Division.
Aston Villa 0, Derby County 1.
Burnley 6, Leicester City 1.
Cardiff City 2, Everton 0.
Liverpool 0, Arsenal 2.
Newcastle U. 3, Middlesb' 0.
Portsmouth 1, Bury 0.
Wednesday 0, Huddersfield T. 5.
West Ham U. 1, Sheffield U. 1.
Postponed: Tottenham Hotspur v. Bolton Wanderers.

Second Division.

Hull City 3, Fulham 2.
Leeds United 3, Port Vale 0.
Notts County 3, West Bromwich A. 0.
Oldham A. 5, Clapton Orient 0.
Reading 1, Blackpool 0.
Southampton 3, Bristol City 2.
Stoke City 3, South Shields 1.
Swansea Town 0, Preston N.E. 1.
Wolverhampton W. 1, Notts Forest 0.
Postponed: Chelsea v. Grimsby Town.

Division III.—South.

Brighton & Hove 3, Bournemouth 2.
Bristol Rovers 2, Merthyr Town 1.
Coventry City 0, Queen's Park Rangers 0.
Gillingham 0, Watford 3.
Millwall 2, Norwich City 1.
Plymouth Argyle 1, Exeter City 2.
Swindon Town 4, Newport C. 1.
Torquay United 0, Crystal Palace 2.
Walsall 1, Charlton Athletic 0.
Postponed: Brentford v. Southend United; Luton Town v. Northampton.

Division III.—North.

Barrow 2, Stockport C. 3.
Bradford 4, Rochdale 1.
Chesterfield 2, Rotherham U. 5.
Halifax T. 0, Doncaster R. 1.
Lincoln C. 1, Hartlepools U. 5.
New Brighton 3, Accrington 1.
Tranmere Rovers 1, Nelson 1.
Wigan Boro' 2, Bradford City 2.
Wrexham 3, Southport 0.

All the postponements were due to snow.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following tables show the positions of the teams to date, Tuesday's matches having been taken into account in their compilation:

Division I.
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Everton ... 23 12 6 4 61 31 30
Leicester ... 23 10 8 7 50 40 26
Blackburn ... 22 8 9 5 31 32 25
Huddersfield ... 21 11 4 6 50 38 23
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ULTIMATE MARVEL.

CENTURIES BRIDGED BY BOOKS.

Thomas Moult (Author of "Snow Over Eden," "The Cemely Lass," etc.) writes:

There is no pleasure in life so sure and so easily within the scope of everybody's enjoyment as the pleasure which comes from books. Let a man once taste that pleasure and not only will he make a habit of it, but for ever afterwards one of the world's biggest wonders to him is that many of his fellow-men seldom or never open a book at all.

There are a hundred reasons, one supposes, why numerous intelligent people do not read books. Some are reasonable reasons, for it is not a crime to have no delight in literature or no love of reading. It is not even a sign of imbecility. But whatever the reason, may be, we can depend on it that these intelligent yet bookless people will to-day be the readiest to talk with a certain glibness about man's marvellous power to annihilate space, and how a schoolboy may possess that power and demonstrate it practically by setting up a wireless installation in the back parlour at home.

Such people do not seem to understand that an even more wonderful power has been possessed and used by man for many centuries, and that is the power to annihilate time as well as space. How can they understand it when they refuse to appreciate the wonderful significance of books?

By books alone—that is, if old stones and legal parchments be excepted—are the years and the centuries bridged for the mind and soul of man. How, unless it be on the printed page, are we of the twentieth century to know what were the thoughts and ideas, of the men and women who gave up their earthly life ages and ages ago?

Think of it, those who believe that to "listen-in" at Clapham or Wigan or Ipswich to a singer in Paris or Brussels in the "ultimate marvel," as a broadcasting enthusiast recently declared it, and perhaps occasionally to hear vague sounds that are alleged to be those of an orchestra in Pittsburgh: in that tiny volume entitled the *Italid*, a mighty man who first spoke before the beginning of the Christian era is still speaking—speaking directly to us who belong to an era that was beyond all his majestic imagination!

In the volume we have just called *Songs and Poems*, a Scottish ploughman is singing his heart out, just as he has been singing for upwards of a hundred years, proclaiming in a way more appealing, convincing and lovely than all the other voices of his kind, the real pathos and sublime of human life. And he will go on singing even if we do not listen to him. A hundred thousand other voices, indeed, are singing or speaking to us through the printed page, offering inspiration, guidance, and entertainment for our daily living whether we accept it or no.

Charles Dickens once made fun of the stuffy little room in a house that holds the family library and yet where nobody ever reads a word. He should rather have made fun of the people who pass outside that room without entering it. For each of its neglected volumes, as Leigh Hunt said, is a little body of thought that has possibly existed thousands of years. Those broadcasters whose zest is fired especially by the knowledge that they are annihilating space when they switch on their loud-speakers or crystal sets, should more than most people, be appealed to through this unique aspect of literature.

The harnessing of sound waves is regarded as permanent, if incomplete. But no one can say what would become of that so-called permanence if there happened to be a sudden catastrophic change brought about by the elements which sustain it. Yet, as a wise man said long since, nothing short of a universal convulsion of nature can destroy a book.

It triumphs over brass and marble. It is the only visible change which changes no farther, which generates and yet is not destroyed, not even though "miles themselves are exhausted, cities perish, kingdoms are swept away, and man weeps with indignation to think that his own body is not immortal."

Teacher: "Now, Bobby, tell me which month has twenty-eight days in it."

Bobby: "They all have."

The teacher wrote on the blackboard the sentence: "The toast was drunk in silence."

"Can any child point out any error in that sentence?" she asked.

"I can't find it," replied one alert youngster.

"And what might it be?" asked the teacher.

"Please, miss, it should be the toast was ate in silence," was the reply.

'PRAPS-PRAPS NOT!

With the Christmas holidays practically over many a man has to settle up before he can settle down.

The cinema actor was suspended by a rope over two hundred feet above the ground.

"But look here," said the cameraman, "suppose the rope breaks?"

The producer was a man ever on the look-out for new stunts.

"By jove!" he exclaimed, "that's a great idea!"

"Can any of you tell me a greater power than the King?" asked the teacher.

"Yes, ma'am!" cried a little boy eagerly.

"Very well, you may tell the class," replied the teacher.

"The acol!" was the unexpected reply.

Passenger: Well, Ikey, how is thy business?

Motorist: Take de vheel, and I will tell you.

Caddie (to novice golfer): Do you have an 'igh tee, sir?

Novice Golfer: "Wot's it t' for to you whether I 'as an 'igh or a late dinner? You put th' 'ump!

Visitor: Why, this is the third time I have called to see you, and each time it's been as—

Father (grimly): "I'm! You'd better come at about 2 o'clock in the morning."

Teacher: Tomm, tell me what is the Order of the Bath?

Tommy: Well miss in our house it's baby first, then Jack, then Bob, and I come last.

On a suburban train stopping at Summer Hill, the porter called out, "Summer Hill!" "Summer Hill!"

A man putting his head out of the widow, said: "Eh, porter, you've dropped something."

"Oh that's all right," said the porter. "I will

PRODIGALS RETURN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The "Blues" Arrive. About 9 p.m., a fire broke out in the central district (not far from the Bund), involving over ten houses. People were afraid that the Reds were on the move again, the pro-Ironside garrison having been evacuated.

Order was restored but yesterday, troops with blue armlets were seen on the West Bund. These, however, proved to be Papersides who chose a distinctive colour because the Communists had worn red and the Ironsides white.

SHOT MISSES.

Attempt on Life of General Li Fook-lum?

General Li Fook-lum escaped unscathed from a would-be assassin's bullet, states a Chinese report to hand which is given for what it is worth in the absence of reliable information which may be kept back for reasons of political diplomacy.

The general, was in his army headquarters at Honam, a most unlikely place, as it is full of bodyguards who exercise the greatest vigilance.

Two of these guards were wounded, says the report, but the shot(s) missed the general. The assailant, a youth of 18, was immediately overpowered and then summarily shot after being interrogated.

REDS' TRAIL.

Their Havoc As Recorded in Figures.

Official statistics are now available as to the havoc wrought by the Red army which, after being defeated in Canton city, left a trail of destruction in its march northwards to avoid pursuit.

Unspeakable excesses were committed in three townships, not far apart, and within close reach of Canton. The names of the places convey little to the non-Chinese but the figures provide interesting reading, for each of the three places, as follow:-

Houses Houses Homeless Killed & Buried Damaged People Wounded
(a) 254 17 950 16
(b) 77 495 4
(c) 39 225 2

WIRELESS IN CHINA.

CHINESE SCHEME TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

Mr. MacMurray, the U. S. Minister in Peking, had an interview with Mr. Wu Chin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and also interviewed Mr. Wang Yin-tai, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In this connection, Mr. Wu Chin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, is said to have addressed Chinese Pressmen to the following effect:-

At the interview between Mr. Wu Chin and Mr. MacMurray, the latter set forth a plan of the American Government concerning the wireless issue and proposed the resumption of negotiations on the issue. Mr. MacMurray withdrew after exchanging views with Mr. Wu Chin. The Chinese Government, in compliance with the American proposal, is to make necessary preparations for the opening of the negotiations in the shortest time possible. The main points of the Chinese plan for negotiation, which has already been arranged between the Wai-chiapou and the Communications Department, are:-

(A) Japan.

1. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha shall surrender the exclusive right which the Company has acquired.

2. The Shuanghiao Wireless Station shall be transferred to the management of the Chinese Government, and the capital invested in the Station by the M. B. K. shall take the form of a loan to China.

3. Pending the redemption of the loan, a Japanese auditor and Chief engineer shall be engaged in the station.

(B) America.

1. America shall surrender the right which has been acquired by the Federal Company.

2. The plan of the Construction of a wireless station in Shanghai shall be transferred to the Communications Department, and materials for the construction of the wireless shall be purchased from America.

3. The expenses necessary for the purchase of materials and various other expenses shall take the form of a loan to China. Pending the redemption of the loan, an American auditor and chief engineer shall be engaged in the station.

MISSING "DAWN."

WARSHIPS JOIN IN THE SEARCH.

AIRSHIPS CO-OPERATE.

New York, Yesterday. Two destroyers and the dirigible "Los Angeles" have left their bases, having been ordered by the Navy Department to join in the search for the aeroplane "Dawn." — Reuter.

BRITISH FLIGHT.

FOUR MACHINES ARRIVE AT MADRAS.

Madras, Yesterday. The four British Air Force flying boats have arrived from Bombay. — Reuter.

EMPIRE RELATIONS.

SOUND VIEWS OF LORD KYLSANT.

Having just returned from a very successful visit to South Africa, it was natural that Lord Kylsant should give some attention to Empire problems at a meeting of the London Maritime Investment Trust. As a shipping man he has probably done more than any other to develop the Empire. Certain it is that his shipping enterprises have done most of the work in South African and West African Colonial development. When Lord Kylsant talks imperially it is not as a politician, but as a clear-headed business man. For this reason it is worth remembering what he says. He registered a big and growing desire for closer commercial relations with the Empire, and he believes this expansion of Empire trade means not only greater activity for British shipping, but the end of our unemployment problem. The Empire is useful, but so is the rest of the world, and although Lord Kylsant is in the opposite camp politically to Mr. Walter Runciman, at least he shares the same shipping sentiments. Free Trade is the only sound policy for British shipping, said Mr. Runciman the Mansion House the other evening. Provided the freight is paid, British shipowners are glad to carry anything anywhere.

Although Lord Kylsant was warm in his praise of the return to the gold standard, he issued a quiet warning to the Government for their over-spending. He pointed out that how the heavy industries were still struggling under the burden of unprecedented heavy national and local taxes. It was a grave mistake to look complacently at a £800,000,000 Budget. Such a figure prevents a return to prosperity, and yet Lord Kylsant's message was not without hope, because although he did not see a boom in the near future, he believed British trade was very steadily improving, and that in due course this improvement would be reflected in the British shipping industry.

EXAMINATIONS.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY APPOINTED.

The Board of Trade have appointed a departmental committee to consider the present system under which candidates for certificates as master or mate on merchant ships are examined, and to advise whether any, and if so, what alterations are required in the system under which examinations are conducted, or in subjects in which candidates are examined. The committee is as follows:-

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P. (chairman), Mr. F. C. Allen, Captain H. F. David, R.N.R., Mr. W. R. Davies, Mr. R.

PADEREWSKI.

MAGIC SKILL OVER EVEN THE CRITICS.

In the ranks of the world's musical celebrities none of the whole legion of great artists can challenge the pre-eminence of Ignace Paderewski. His claim to kingship in the musical world is based upon his superlative merit as a pianist; his services to the world at large as a philanthropist; and his devotion to his country. Within a couple of years of 70, Paderewski has commanded unlimited admiration in every quarter of the universe for the past forty years, and he is still able to exercise the magic skill of his art over even the critics in whom it were a seemingly impossible thing to stir up enthusiasm. Not long ago one of Australia's most master-of-fact musical experts (F. E. Baume) expressed himself thusly after hearing the great Polish artist:- "Paderewski! Never was Time defied more gracefully; never did



IGNACE PADEREWSKI

the power and brilliance of middle years so conquer the dulling force that old age brings. His sallow face, wrinkled, even mask-like, stood out from under the high forehead, and bushy hair; the ragged moustache, the tiny white tie—why, you think, here is the Old Man Musician, looking something like a tent lecturer. Not vestiges of expression tints the face as Paderewski begins. Sombre, soulless even, those first notes sound. Impressions abound. A comparison flies across the mind. The one, moving to every note by calculation; the other pouncing on it, as if fighting the piano, jealous of every instant he is playing Old Man Musician—again the thought comes. "All of a sudden, huge chords crash, the right foot smashes on a pedal. Stern and haughty is the boss, and there comes a ripple in the treble. Crash! down go the feet again—what superb appreciation of the pedal—and gone is the Old Man. It is the President of Poland. Yes, he would dominate the piano, and his will is its law. He is Paderewski, the Master, and so thousands cheered him."

One evening a stern father came rather hurriedly into the parlour, and was much shocked to see his daughter and her "young man" occupying the same chair.

"Six," he said, shaking his head solemnly, "when I was courting my wife she sat on one side of the room and I sat on the other."

"Well," replied the suitor, not in the least abashed, "that's what I should have done if I had been courting your wife!"

Dodsworth, Mr. Brian Heathcote, Sir C. Hipwood, Captain Owen Jones, Mr. T. W. Moore, C.B.E., F.R.G.S., Captain A. H. Norman, R.N., Mr. R. A. Somerville, and Captain R. A. Vea.

All communications on the subject of the committee should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. R. M. Howell, Mercantile, Marine Department, Board of Trade, 20, Great Smith Street, London; S.W.

CINEMA NOTES.

HAROLD LLOYD AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE KID BROTHER."

Cinema-goers have their last opportunity to-day of seeing Harold Lloyd's big new comedy hit, "The Kid Brother," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre, since Sunday. The story is simple, yet forceful. It relates the tale of the youngest son of a family of strong men—three brothers, and father—who control the mountain town in which they live. Like all kid brothers Harold is subjected to the indignities that befall the youngest of every family. He is never taken into the councils and has no voice in the direction of his father's edicts. In the end, however, he shows his real mettle, and wins the recognition he craves by saving the family honour in one of the most entertaining sights ever filmed.

Heading the supporting cast, is Jobyna Ralston, prettier than ever as the girl with the medicine show. Walter James gives a realistic performance as the father. Olin Francis and Leo Willis are ideally cast as Lloyd's brothers. Eddie Boland could not be surpassed as the barker with the medicine show, and Romanoff, the medicine show's strong man, is built to order for the part, with his powerful physique. Ralph Yearsley, the bully, will recall memories of "Tolable David," and Frank Lanning is equally as convincing.

Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Tin Hats" at the World Theatre and "The Lucky Lady" at the Star Theatre. "Tin Hats" is a comedy of high jinks in the Army of occupation, with Conrad Nagel and Claire Windsor in the leading roles. "The Lucky Lady" is a comedy drama with a Monte Carlo setting. The leading players are Greta Nissen, Lionel Barrymore and William Collier, Jr.

"TIN HATS" AT THE WORLD.

Two Comedies.

"Tin Hats," now showing at the World Theatre, tells of the adventures of three American soldiers whose draft arrives in France too late to take part in the hostilities. This trio, however, get a full measure of excitement, and fun, out of the Peace. They embark on a tour on borrowed bicycles and find themselves in a German village where a great number of laughable complications follow in quick succession. Romance enters into the picture and in the end we are treated to the spectacle of a glorious Americo-German entente. "Tin Hats" is a well made comedy, and it was a happy idea to give us all the fun and pathos connected with the lives of uniformed men without the grim and squalid of the war itself.

A Larry Semon comedy and a series of instructional pictures are included in the programme.

The most remarkable development in the film world of recent years has been the advance made in production by the great German studios, to which even the leading American producers have paid unalloyed tribute. The German film

trust, the U.F.A., according to latest advices, is now engaged on a truly colossal undertaking of which the first part is already complete.

This is nothing less ambitious than what purports to be a complete film presentation of the world war. The control of the copy recently passed into the hands of a group of extreme Nationalists. Amazing features of their new production are that it has been carried out in conjunction with the keepers of the State archives; the complete film

will occupy three full evening programmes; it will include all the official cinema photographs taken by the army operators, who accompanied the German forces in the field and at sea, as well as many records from foreign sources.

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

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December 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "Resurrection."

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December 29-31—Star Theatre; "Padlocked."

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

January 1-2—Star Theatre; "Volcano."

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January 1-5—Queen's Theatre; "Beau Geste."

January 3-4—Star Theatre; "The Devil's Cargo."

January 3-4—World Theatre; "Back To God's Country."

January 5-7—World Theatre; "The Eagle."

January 6-7—Star Theatre; "The Show Off."

January 6-7—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."

Sports.

To-day—Senior Division Football; R.A. v. A.F.

December 31—Cricket Match, Division I. H.K.C.C. v. Navy and Kowloon v. Army.

January 1—U.S.R.C. Tennis entries close to-day.

January 2—K.C.C. Children's sports.

Meeting.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

December 28-31—Four-day sale on Crackers, toys, etc., at Messrs. Whitesaws, 20, Des Voeux Rd., C.I.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

January 3—Re-opening of King's College.

December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOVIET COTTON.

PRODUCTION ON LARGE SCALE UNDERTAKEN.

Tiflis, Soviet, Georgia, Dec. 16.

Within five years the Soviet Union, which has been buying from \$45,000,000 to \$60,000,000 worth of cotton a year in the United States, will have become a self-sustaining cotton country and will cease importing. Azarmail Oglil, president of the Federation of Trans-Caucasian Soviet Republics, told the United Press, in a special interview.

He had just returned from a long journey through the Caucasus and Middle Asia, devoting special attention to the cotton problem.

"We are trying to raise agriculture in Caucasus and in Turkestan to a modern level," he said. "Wherever I went I could see that we still have an enormous task before us, but that we are already making rapid headway."

"Oriental Russia used to raise thirty to forty pounds of cotton to the despatching before the war; now we are averaging sixty pounds. But this can and will be increased to several hundred pounds."

"Our perplexity is primarily that of irrigation. We are spending large sums for this purpose. Our exports have ascertained on the spot that our cotton production in Turkestan and Caucasus can be enlarged tenfold within a few years."

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NOTICE.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Associazione Nazionale Combattenti gratefully acknowledge a gift of \$250 from the Shanghai Race Club.

A young penguin was blown ashore at Cobh, Jersey, and was captured alive after a fight with a fox-terrier.

Sir James Currie has been appointed chairman of the governing body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture.

Mr. William Turner, aged 95, who took part in the siege of Sebastopol and was in India during the Mutiny, has died at Barnstaple.

Sir Alan Cobham's giant metal flying boat was launched upon the River Medway at Rochester in preparation for the start of his aerial survey of Africa.

A horse harnessed to a van dropped through trapdoors into a cellar in Milroy Wharf, Blackfriars Bridge, and, as it was impossible to get it out, it had to be shot.

Treasure trove was the verdict at an inquest upon a porcelain jar containing 45 sovereigns dating between 1849 and 1893, which was dug up at Somerton Lodge, Winkfield, Berkshire.

Skeletons, thought to belong to the 17th century, have been discovered during excavations at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, a clay pipe of that period having been found near one.

A Passover Haggadah, a Hebrew manuscript on vellum of the 13th or early 14th century, with coloured drawings in the margins, realised £900 at Messrs. Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W.

Miss Florence Power, aged 22, a Londonerry shop assistant, who was the victim of a razor-slashing attack last April, her assailant being later committed to an asylum, died in a mail week.

Bridgend (Glamorgan) Guardians are to ask the Ministry of Health for permission to issue outdoor relief to the large numbers of unemployed single miners who are crowding into the workhouse.

Gloucester Liberal Association have adopted Mr. Thomas Worrall Casey, Liberal M.P. for the Acliffe Division of Sheffield from 1918 to 1922 as their prospective parliamentary candidate for Gloucester City.

Members of the Japanese Mission which is studying economic and social conditions in Europe, and which includes Mr. Fusano Kuhara, a prominent Japanese man, and several Foreign Office officials, have left Rome for Nice, and will visit London after a brief stay on the Riviera.

The Hon. Mr. J. Strachan, General Manager, F.M.S.R., arrived in Ipoh on a surprise visit. Mr. Strachan during the course of his visit, says the "Times of Malaya," took before the Station Superintendent two railway police constables who neglected to take notice of passengers crossing the lines and committing trespass in the yard.

The remainder of the men of Section "A" of the Army Reserve, to the number of 1,200, who were called up in January last for service in China, were due to arrive at the Albert Dock, London, in the transport "Karmala" on November 24. Of those who were called up in April over 500 were expected to reach Liverpool on board the "Bellophon" on or about December 10.

H.M.S. "Cornflower," which has been selected for duty on the China Station, in place of the "Hollyhock," Commander R. B. T. Miles, is to be ready to leave for the Far East on December 28. She will commission with the relief crew of the "Iroquois," surveying vessel, and the paid-off crew of that ship will return in the "Hollyhock." The "Cornflower" is at present undergoing repairs at Sheerness.

The articles of Association of the Siam Free Press Co., Ltd. have been duly registered. The names of the promoters who have acquired the business from the former owners are: Nai Louis Girivat, Nai S. Siong Wan, Nai Soen Choi Goo Trakul, Luang Sarnbakhich Vicharn, Nai Kim Chai Sisukru, Mr. Andrew Freeman and Phya Vinaya Sudhara. The capital is given as Tsh. 200,000, made up of 2,000 shares of Tsh. 100 each.—"Bangkok Times."

The locking of a chapel door at St. Briavels, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, has caused a good deal of comment throughout the neighbourhood. For some years the chapel has been administered by the Congregational Union, and two years ago Mr. W. P. Chatfield, an evangelist, was appointed as the pastor. The Rev. C. E. Watson, secretary of the Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Congregational Union, told a reporter that there had been dissension among those attending the chapel and that the Congregational Union and a majority of the enrolled members had left.

Mr. J. P. Souter, of Messrs. Pritchard and Co., Penang, returned from leave by the "Devanha."

Three boys who escaped from the Feltham (Middlesex) Borstal Institution recently have been recaptured.

The birthday of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji will be celebrated at the Sikh Temple on Friday. The Heads of Departments and private firms are requested to grant a holiday on that day to their Sikh employees.

News has been received in Penang that Mr. Ong Chong Kong has graduated M.B., B.S. at the Hong Kong University. He is a son of the late Mr. Ong Teong Hoe and was a pupil of the Penang Free School.

Captain Pratt, accompanied by Mrs. Pratt has returned from Home leave and will resume duties as Senior District Officer, Province Wellesley. Mr. W. H. Lee-Warner, who has been acting for Captain Pratt during his absence, will be leaving for Klang.

The improved condition of the Hailo now permits of good-sized steamers coming up the river to Tleinian harbour. There is already an improvement at the swinging berths, and on the 10th inst., the "Tangshan Maru" 295 feet long and of 2,089 tons, swung successfully, loaded to 10 feet 2 ins. when leaving the port.

The Tientsin Land Investment Co., Ltd., in view of its increased capital and business has decided to increase the number of its directors from five to seven. The Board having lost the services of Mr. Wolters, who is leaving the port, Mr. Tsai Shou-kie, one of its earliest directors has consented to rejoin, and the other new directors are Messrs. Peters and Snow.

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The Rane of Sarawak left England on November 25 with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Brooke, for Sarawak.

Among Michaelmas term students called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, on November 17, was Mr. Kye Choo-chan.

Several London taxicabs now have an electric sign in front, above the driver's seat, which at night illuminates the word "vacant."

Miss Renée Kelly, who has been on tour abroad for nearly three years, has returned to the London stage at the Coliseum in a new comedy sketch "Quits."

More than 100 bandmen played the new mayor, Councillor Joseph Rogers, to church at Northampton in recognition of his long services as conductor of the Volunteer band.

The Rev. J. M. Harden, principal of the King's Hospital Bluecoat School, Dublin, was appointed Bishop of Tuam, Galway, in succession to Dr. Orr, who has been translated to Meath.

A porcelain pot containing 45 sovereigns of Queen Victoria's reign has been unearthed in the garden of Somerton Lodge, Winkfield, Berkshire, the residence of Mr. W. P. Elliott.

"Bon Lomond," by Sir David Cameron, R.A., realised £220, and Mr. Muirhead Bone's "A Rainy Night in Rome" £185 at a sale of etchings at Messrs. Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W.

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China Beat England At Soccer.

GREAT GAME AT VALLEY.

Exciting Match Full Of Contrasts.

[By the "Rover."] Intense interest was centred in this game at the Valley and "St. Dunstan's" great charity should considerably benefit as a result of the match, for long before the kick off all stands were full, and late arrivals found that neither money nor influence could guarantee seats. The slogan was "all pay" and in this respect all sections of the community, from the enclosure right down to the public way, observed the rule of the day. The teams lined out as under:

England: — Avery (R.A.F.); Wynne (Police), Bishop (Club); Everest (K.O.S.B.), Sims (Kowloon) (Capt.), Watson (Club); Pile (Kowloon), Northey (Navy), Vernon (Air Force), Leach (R.G.A.), Herridge (Queen's).

China: — Pau Ka-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat (Capt.); Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wai, Lam Yuk-ying, Lau Mow, Lee Wai-kung, Wong Pak-cheung, Suen Kum-shing, Chan Kwong-lu.

It will be noticed that China were without Tso Kwai-shing and England lacked Lurking (Queen's), for whom C. Pile (Kowloon) deputised.

The Game.

A great crowd watching with excitement cheered both sides, China looked very smart in the Athletic Colours, and a great shout went up as Sims led the English side on in blue and white, a nice contrast.

The first incident of note was a dashing attack by China, which Wynne had to turn to touch, and from the get away Northey and Pile got busy, but Lam Yuk-ying relieved with a fine kick which sent China going on the left. This was got away by the English defence, and Vernon passed to Herridge, but Leung Yuk-tong nipped in and sent Suen Kam-shun away, the inside left looking dangerous. Bishop just got across in time and England breathed freely.

Lee Wai-kung, with a good chance, shot over the bar, and England got going through Herridge on the left, a dandy pass by Leach giving the wingers a great chance, but this did not materialise, and China got very dangerous, a nice effort by Wong Pak-cheung being got away by Wynne. Avery immediately after had to punch away and in subsequent play Everest shone with fine defensive work.

The English forwards now got moving, and Northey shone but was crowded out, and China cleared. England came again and Vernon fed Pile, who returned smartly, and the centre-forward just missed with a good chance, Pau Ka-ping showing good form in China's goal. The English forwards attacked through Northey and Pile, but Leung Yuk-tong was playing a great game for China at right half back and from a good clearance by the Chinese half back, Wynne and Bishop had great difficulty to clear their lines.

England now broke away and a delightful pass by Leach nearly did the trick, but Ng Kam-chuen shone in a fine bit of defensive work and China cleared. England were very assertive and Northey and Leach were very aggressive, but Vernon was disappointing, the R.A.F. centre parting for too soon, and China cleared with ease.

China broke away and Suen Kam-shun sent in a smashing shot which Avery saved well. China were now showing up well and a brilliant run by Chen Kwong-lu nearly ended in disaster for England but the ball was hustled away, but Suen again got in a rasping shot which struck the crossbar and went over.

Heretofore China put on great pressure and only fine work by Sims and Wynne kept the citadel intact. The English forwards got going through Leach, and Herridge flashed one by the post. China pressed to the interval, a great run by Chen on the left being cleared just in time.

The interval arrived with no score.

England started the second half in promising style Pau Ka-ping bringing off a great clearance from Vernon, but at the other end Lai Yuk-tat just missed with a great shot. Northey next missed when well placed, and from a good centre by Pile, Pau saved with the forwards all pressing. Vernon had a great chance but hit the side post.

China now took up the running. Chen on the left showed Everest a clean pair of heels and only Wynne stood between England and disaster. The game had been contested at a great pace and Watson, Wynne and Northey were limping. Northey having to retire and Lam Yuk-ying also joined the spectators, but both resumed amidst great excitement.

China came away very smartly on the left and Chan Kwong-lu contesting in the nick of time; Wong Pak-cheung scored a fine goal right under the crossbar giving Avery no chance. China were now going strong and only great play by Sims and Wynne kept them out. A last effort by Leach was well cleared by China who retired deserved winners of a fine game by the narrowest of margins.

Comments.

China won on their merits by superior combination. The English team, superior individually, did not function, and Vernon was a big disappointment. Why this clever forward gave the China backs such a quiet afternoon is still a mystery as the centre forward always appeared too eager to part. Leach was the bright star forward and showed class football and C. Pile gave a very bright display and is a coming man. Northey suffered through Vernon's ineptitude and Herridge could have showed a little more enterprise.

The halves were good, Everest coming strong at the final and Watson always a worker with Sims showing the big heart that never gave in. Wynne played a great game and is easily the Interport back and Bishop pleased his supporters. Avery was good.

For China the big men were Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-lu on the left who have never played better, and whose combination won the game. In the defence the star on the China side was Leung Yuk-tong the right half back who in attack and in defence was England's chief stumbling back. Ng Kam-chuen at right back saved once or twice, when England looked bound to score and without depreciating the remainder of the team, who did well, these really were the big-men on the China side.

The scene at the finish of the game was a memorable one, the crowd covering the playing pitch in their excitement to get around the players and a pleasing feature of the game was the readiness with which the English players and supporters congratulated their opponents on their fine display. The game left pleasant memories and the English team, could they play together in a few matches, would vastly improve on their display in this match, as individually they were not inferior. But the Chinese had the great advantage of a machine-like precision, the result of many games played together.

China has now to play Scotland, and the latter will be worthy opponents. The Scotland v. Portugal game has already been commented upon, but through an oversight Scotland's backs were criticised as Martin (K.O.S.B.) and Hirst (Scots Guards). We are informed that Hirst (Scots Guards) played right back for Scotland and not Martin (K.O.S.B.) the left back being Johnstone of the Guards. As the right back for Scotland was on the day's play one of the most prominent players on view, we hasten without regrets at the error and congratulate Scotland and the Guards in possessing such a fine defender.

As I have before mentioned Scotland will make one if not two changes in their team and Jimmy Stewart is confident his team can stay the pace, so all I can say is "St. Dunstan's" will be well in, and those who leave it for the last tram to the Valley will be well out (as regards a seat). China v. Scotland will be well worth seeing with Scotland eager to maintain their laurels.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Results:— Dec. 20, B Coy., K.O.S.B. 2, D Coy., K.O.S.B. 2.

Dec. 22, 20th H Bty., R.A. 0, R.A.M.C. 2.

Matches for next week.

Dec. 29, 12th H Bty., R.A. v. 20th H Bty., R.A.

Referee: S/Sgt. Pope, R.E., C. Coy., K.O.S.B. v. HQ 2, K.O.S.B.

Referee: S/Sgt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.

NEW CHAMPION.

LONDON WINS SCULLS IN CANADA.

Vancouver, Yesterday. In the race for the world's sculling championship Bert Barry beat Mayor Goodsell by 10 lengths in 21 minutes four seconds over a three mile course.—Reuter's American Service.

A triangular county cross-country race between Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire is to take place at Cambridge. The provisional date is January 14.

The Essex County Lawn Tennis Association have awarded county colours to E. W. Jacobson, K. A. Latter, S. F. Large, Mrs. Loudon, and Miss A. E. Gear.

CRICKET.

FIRST TEST MATCH IN AFRICA.

WIN FOR ENGLAND.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. In the first test match England beat South Africa by ten wickets. South Africa scored 170. They were 78 for 8 wickets and then Vincent scored 53 soon 41 not out—a record for a ninth wicket partnership of 80. Gentry took five wickets for 60 and Hammond five wickets for 36.

England scored 57 without the loss of a wicket.—Reuter.

ARMY ELEVEN BEATS H.K.C.C.

TWO DAYS' MATCH.

The two-days' match between the Army and the H.K.C.C. concluded yesterday, resulted in a win for the former by 67 runs.

Details:—

Army—1st Innings.
Capt. Drysdale, c and b Summers 20
Capt. Morris, c Hayward, b Parker 39
Capt. Dobbie, not out 68
S.S.M. Newbury, c Pearce, b Leach 4
S.Q.M.S. Moss, b Leach 1
L/Cpl. Miles, c Hancock, b Leach 0
Sgt. Leach, b Wales 1
Lieut. Coghill, c Hammond, b Wales 5
Capt. Tyngham, c Sayer, b Leach 6
Capt. Graham, c Leach, b Wales 1
Mr. Gr. Fogden, b Wales 0
Extras: byes 11, leg byes 1. 12

Total 157
Fall of Wickets:—1/53; 2/83; 3/105; 4/121; 5/121; 6/122; 7/136; 8/146; 9/147; 10/157.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 18 4 50 4
C. D. Wales 18.2 3 53 4
J. A. Summers 8 1 27 1
E. W. Hamilton 3 1 8 0
H. V. Parker 4 0 7 1

2nd Innings.

Capt. Morris, b Parker 48
Capt. Drysdale, c Hancock, b Leach 0
Lieut. Coghill, c Summers, b Leach 8
Mr. Gr. Fogden, b Wales 7
Capt. Tyngham, c Hancock, b Leach 13
Capt. Dobbie, st. Pearce, b Wales 30
S.S.M. Newbury, b Wales, b Wales 2
Capt. Graham, b Wales 0
Sgt. Leach, b Wales 8
L/Cpl. Miles, c Hayward, b Wales 0
S.Q.M.S. Moss, not out 0
Extras: byes 11, leg byes 3. 14

Total 130
Fall of Wickets:—1/6; 2/59; 3/59; 4/81; 5/97; 6/107; 7/118; 8/122; 9/126; 10/130.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 16 2 46 3
C. D. Wales 17.3 1 48 6
H. V. Parker 4 1 5 1
J. A. Summers 4 0 17 0

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c Newbury, b Dobbie 23
D. W. Leach, c Miles, b Dobbie 4
R. G. Sayer, b Dobbie 13
O. Moor, b Dobbie 1
T. E. Pearce, c Newbury, b Dobbie 23

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c Newbury, b Dobbie 23
D. W. Leach, c Miles, b Dobbie 4
R. G. Sayer, b Dobbie 13
O. Moor, b Dobbie 1
T. E. Pearce, c Newbury, b Dobbie 23

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)

228

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 21 2 95 2
C. D. Wales 13 0 88 2
H. V. Parker 12 1 88 6
J. A. Summers 4 1 45 2

H.K.E.R.C.: First Innings.

W. N. H. Murdoch, c Cohen-Kelly, b Y. Abbas 52

H.K.E.R.C.: Second Innings.

W. N. H. Murdoch, c Cohen-Kelly, b Y. Abbas 10

Total (for 10 wkts.)

168

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 21 2 95 2
C. D. Wales 13 0 88 2
H. V. Parker 12 1 88 6
J. A. Summers 4 1 45 2

Total (for 9 wkts.)

74

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 7 2 18 1
C. D. Wales 6 3 8 3
H. V. Parker 2 0 5 0

H.K.E.R.C.: Second Innings.

W. N. H. Murdoch, c Cohen-Kelly, b Y. Abbas 15

Total (for 9 wkts.)

5

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
D. W. Leach 7 3 11 1
C. D. Wales 8 3 31 6
H. V. Parker 2 1 18 2
J. A. Summers 3 0 8 0
D. W. Leach 1 0 10 0

I.R.C. "B" v. R.A.F.

J. M. Rumjahn did not bat.

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The following players represented the M.C.C. team in South Africa in their first match, against West Province: Capt. R. Staniforth, G. T. S. Stevens, E. R. S. Wyatt, E. W. Dawson, A. Stirling, Freeman, Geary, Hammond, Sutcliffe, Tyldesley, Holmes.

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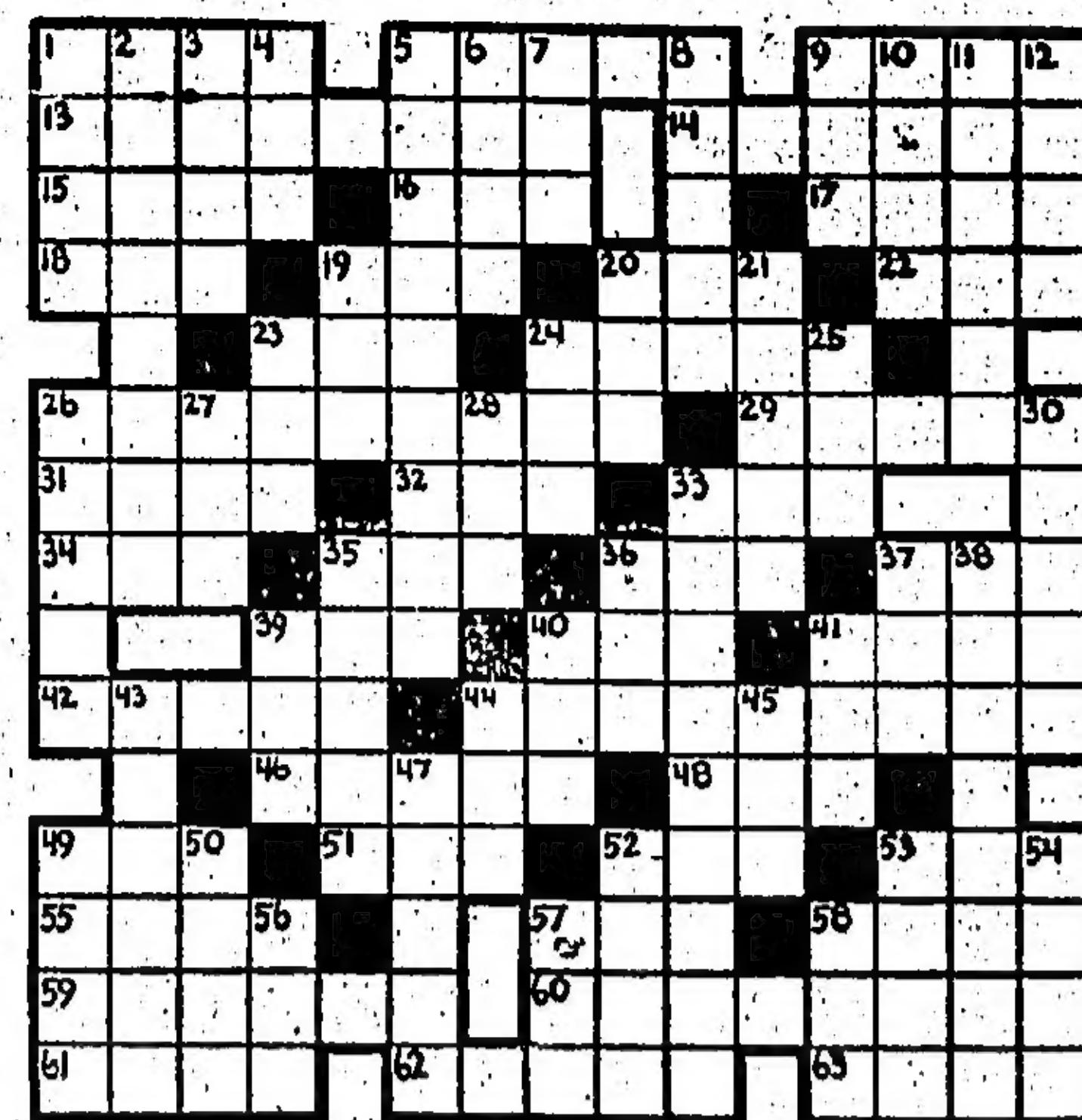
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9-What island was
the place of
Napoleon's first
exile?

13-What is, extremely
of a continent did
Magellan discover?
14-What is a
Hungarian?

15-On

16-Free of

17-On what river is
Caen, N. France?

18-Wet and sticky

19-An ending of nouns
denoting action

20-Intercourse.

21-Suffix, Pertaining
to

22-First woman

24-What is the person
to whom money is
paid?
25-What is moral
force?

26-River in S. E.

France

31-What is French for
"nothing"?

32-A little child

33-Half ems

34-An insect

35-To shut in

36-A chopping tool

37-An obstinate person

38-A deposit

40-A chicken disease

41-A short cloak

42-Country of Europe

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

44-What are the pieces
of soft iron joining
the poles of
magnets?

45-What village in
Perthshire in
the coronation place of
Scottish Kings?

46-A small cask

49-A youth

51-Suffix denoting a
business

52-One of the metals

53-Corroded

55-Intermittent fever

57-Swell of the ocean

58-Metal-bearing

rocks

59-The art of duelling

60-What Island in the

S. Pacific was
settled by

61-Mutineers of the

British ship

62-Bounty?

63-A loud cry, as of

pain

64-What noted colonial

artist painted the

earliest known

portrait of

Washington?

65-To level with the

ground

VERTICAL

1-Froth

2-A mendicant

Franciscan friar of

1528

3-A footless animal

4-A number

5-Set straight

6-On what lake is

Toledo, Ohio?

7-Conjunction

8-Enclose

9-Self

VERTICAL (Cont.)

10-A constellation

11-A flag

12-Superficial extent

13-A succulent fruit

20-A stripe

21-A noted German

poet

23-An eagle

24-Cherished

25-An ending of

feminine nouns

28-Corras in structure

27-Of age (Latin abbr.)

28-Boy's name

(familiar)

30-Nightwear

33-To discuss fully

35-From this place

36-Purpose

37-A Swiss river

38-What are fountains of

the dead?

39-Twice

40-Prefix. Before

41-What is a young

bear?

42-What is the capital

of the Czecho-

Slovak Republic?

43-Some

44-What is a large

cask?

47-What is the deck

below the berth

deck of a

battleship?

49-A gentlewoman

50-Combat between

two persons

52-The linden

53-A melody

54-In Anglo-Saxon

times, a hirsling

56-A cloth measure

57-A town, Liege

—province, Belgium

58-What is a snout?

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

A GLOOMY ROOM.

It needs a flash of imagination to make a cheerful room of one with a dull aspect, yet it has just been done.

It was a bold room, gaunt, and dour—a gloomy habitation! Square and lofty it loomed, having a deep, dark recess on either side of its window. Here always the shadows lurked. Now it is a flowery sunlit room.

A wall-paper began the transformation. It has a soft, pale yellow background like the inside of a banana skin, and a border of apparently growing flowers runs around above the skirting board. In each corner, and at intervals round the walls, spring up "grown-

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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YOUNG EARLAM.

A RISING BILLIARDS PROFESSIONAL.

COMING CHAMPION.

In my last article on Rising Young Players, I singled out Earlam, and Steeple for particular notice, and commented on the play of the young Derby professional, writes Rio Levi in a come paper. This time I shall say something about Joe Earlam, the winner of the 1926-6 Amateur championship, and the holder of a record break made in these championships, viz., 435.

Earlam has only been playing billiards for six or seven years, but he took to the game at once, and was making 50 breaks quite regularly when he had been playing for less than 12 months, being that he was likely to develop into a really good player, father placed him in the hands of Collins, the well-known capable Liverpool professional, and, under his able tuition Earlam made rapid progress.

A year before he won the championship, he made his first break by red ball play with yellow balls. When the B.A. and in the summer of 1925 came the decision that future Amateur Championships should be decided with composition balls—a decision which, by the way, was ten years overdue—Earlam once began to play with these, and quickly getting used to them, even getting into the tenth hundred on one occasion.

Start Early.

Many people have questioned Earlam's wisdom in not waiting a year or two longer before turning professional, but, in my opinion, if a player intends to be a professional billiards player in life, the sooner he takes up the game, the better for him, any players have commented on what they consider the society of Earlam beginning professional career with a series of matches with Smith and man, instead of tackling men of his own class, or, failing this, of playing exhibition games with professionals not so overwhelmingly superior to him or to two top-notchers.

These critics, however, seem to forget that a new entrant professional billiards cannot and choose his opponents, as to be thankful for what engagements he can get, he may experience the test difficulty in getting any all, for, as professional

billiards is a business, just like other business, well-established men never go out of their way to assist any newcomer who dreams of an entry into their and select circle.

It is not for the unfortunate difference which arose between Smith and Newman at the beginning of last season, and it kept them apart the whole season, it is most unlikely Earlam would have had an engagement with either of

players.

Earlam as "Gate Attraction," however, Smith and Newman were determined not to play other, and as they could not play Joe Davis at the same time they had to look round for another player who might be expected to attract the public.

Earlam, they knew, had been to packed houses in every night through the champion and consequently they offered engagements. Naturally, it was only too glad to avail of the chance that came his way, and no doubt he thought that "it's an ill that blows nobody any

good." People consider that he has played very poorly in matches with our top-notchers in his various exhibition games with Smith and Newman, only managed to get into first hundred on five or six occasions. These people, however, seem to forget that a break of 250 or so is always a break for a young player, they also apparently quite that Smith or Newman do a rule give their opponents opportunities to make large or small.

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But when he played his series of two-weeks' games with Smith he had very frequently to remain seated for long periods, and it requires tremendous nerve to go to the table and play one's best game after one's opponent has made a break of four or five hundred, to say nothing of still greater compilations.

Do the players who make their forties and fifties frequently, their sixties and seventies now and then, and perhaps even an occasional century break, believe that they would be able to display anything like their decent average form were they to play Smith for a fortnight?

It is my firm conviction that they would fail to make one single in the two weeks. Firstly, because, in addition to their feeling overwhelmed by the superiority of their opponent, they would go to the table so few times at each session. And secondly, because, they would be "frozen out" by their long periods of waiting between each visit to the table, and by reason of this they would have no opportunities of warming up to their game, and could thus never get going.

In my opinion, the best of Joe Earlam has not yet been seen by a very long way, and it is my firm conviction that in the years to come he will prove himself to be one of England's great and gifted cuemakers.

HOME GOLF.

VETERANS' TEST.

Veterans over 50 years of age had the opportunity of showing what they could do under the relentless examination of card and pencil in the annual competition organised by "Golf Illustrated" on the Ashford Manor course, Middlesex.

H. E. Taylor, of Royal Mid-Surrey, who is 58, won the scratch prize with the excellent score of 76. It would have taken a very good man of the younger generation to beat these figures on a course of more than 6,000 yards, which, like most others at this time of the year, played to every inch of its length, and called for a lot of strong second shots up to the green.

The Rev. H. A. Tapsheld (St. George's Hill) and S. H. Fry (Royal Mid-Surrey) each, like Taylor, 58 years of age, had the second best scores of 79 each. Then came H. H. Hilton (Ashford) and Major W. G. M. Savel (Beaconsfield), each 80.

The scratch prize for players over 60 fell to Edward Blackwell, the former Scottish international, who is 61. He went round in 83, with an 8 at the 17th.

E. C. Baker (Ashford) secured the handicap cup with 80—9—76.

Women's Championship.

Only players with a handicap of 6 or better will be eligible to compete in the English women's golf championship next year. This decision was reached at the council meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union at Leeds.

A resolution was also passed which will preclude golfers from overseas, as well as Scottish, Irish and Welsh players, from competing in the English championship.

C. J. H. Tolley Beaten.

Cape Town.—In the first match of their tour in South Africa the Royal and Ancient team of amateurs, Cyril Tolley, R. H. de Montmorency, Major W. O. Hezlet, and Capt. A. C. Pearson, met the Mowbray Club here. The British side won by 3 games to 2.

In the foursomes Tolley and de Montmorency beat R. Solomon, the champion of the club, and L. Jones by 2 and 1, while Hezlet and Pearson defeated Beattie and Smale by 4 and 2. Britain thus led at this stage by 2 games to 0.

In the singles Solomon beat Tolley by 2 and 1, Jones beat Pearson by 4 and 3. Beattie halved with Hezlet, and Montmorency scored the only British win, beating Smale by 3 and 2.

State Grant for Athletes.

Tokyo, Dec. 14. The Government has decided to make a grant of Y.100,000 to Japanese athletes who attend the International Olympic Games to be held at Amsterdam in May next.—Toho.

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FOOTBALL MINDS.

THE PLAYERS' GREATEST ASSET.

CRAZE FOR SPEED.

Aston Villa have a 60 yards sprinting track under cover for their players, and many other clubs during the past two or three years have provided special facilities for the men to practise running with a view to quickening their paces.

But neither Aston Villa nor the other leading teams of a former era acquired their pace in the game through their sprinting powers. That famous wing formed by Bache and Hall were very fast, but their pace was due to the speed with which they controlled the ball and made it cover the ground. It was the other fellows who had to be fast to keep up with it.

The craze in football is still unfortunately for speed. The season, however, has already provided a wonderful tribute to the elderly player, and it has been proved that, so long as he has the ability to think and act quickly, it does not matter a great deal if physically he has slowed down. A football mind is still the greatest asset of the player.

When Tottenham Hotspur went to Birmingham, an old player connected with Aston Villa expressed astonishment that Grimsdell was to take part in the match. He shook his head and declared that the game had swept past the Tottenham captain and left him toiling far in the rear.

At the finish of the game he was probably in some confusion as to what pace really meant, and it might be something of a mystery why a fast wing man like York had not been able to race Grimsdell on his feet. There could not have been a better example of how intelligent play could negative running speed.

Craftsmanship.

When Grimsdell was restored to the Tottenham team their position was a little anxious. In a few weeks by his steady influence he has brought them back to side of marked possibilities. Much the same thing has happened at Bolton. The revival of the Wanderers did not begin until Vizard was able to reappear at outside left.

With very few exceptions there is at least one veteran in every team of note at the present time. Newcastle United include Hudspeth, who has played at back for the club for 17 seasons; Everton, Taylor and Crosswell; Huddersfield, Clem Stephenson; Middlesbrough, Carr; Arsenal, Buchan; and Chelsea, Wilson. In each case it is hardly possible to exaggerate the value of these men to their clubs.

As speed is judged to-day all these players are slow, but this does not impair their effectiveness. It may be necessary, as in the case of Buchan, to make their particular part as light as possible, but, provided the strain is not too severe, they are able to succeed through their craftsmanship.

Success in football cannot be achieved without method and the team who are content to kick and run hard, will never succeed. What are called "first-time" methods are futile. The man who kicks the ball as it comes to him without trying seriously to place it must be lucky if he is to keep it from an opponent.

The great weakness of modern football is that too many teams attempt to succeed not so much through their own skill as through the mistakes of their opponents.

This is not so marked in the First Division of the League as in the other sections, and it accounts for the fact that the promoted side have usually a great deal of difficulty in maintaining their place.

This is seen to-day in the case of Portsmouth, who are still playing the dashing type of game which served them well enough last season. Before the present season started I suggested that they would be in trouble if they did not alter their methods and try to play a higher class of game.

Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday significantly enough have had similar troubles to Portsmouth and the root cause in each case has been the same. You may win a Cup-tie by hustling methods, but it is a different matter to keep these up all the season in the League.

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JAPAN AND CHINA.

STORY OF ARMED INTERVENTION.

A PEKING FORECAST.

Peking, Dec. 20.
Armed intervention by Japan in Shantung and Manchuria is the next step forecast by a spokesman for the Peking Foreign Office in an interview with the United Press.

Officials of the Peking Government profess to see accumulating evidence that Japanese opinion is swinging in favour of intervention. The Foreign Office spokesman displayed a handful of recent dispatches from Tokyo all pointing to a desire on the part of the Tanaka Cabinet to place their dealings with the Government of Marshal Chang Tso-lin on a more satisfactory basis.

Harsh Words.

As far as can be learned K. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister in Peking, has not received reply to his second letter protesting against the interview which General Yang Yu-ting gave to British and American correspondents. The Japanese Minister's first letter objected to the general tone of the interview which he believed to have been chiefly for the purpose of blocking the projected American loan to the South Manchurian Railway. The letter also informed General Yang Yu-ting bluntly and precisely that when he intimated that part of the loan would be diverted for political purposes in Japan.

The second letter was along the same line but more emphatic, and was sent after General Yang Yu-ting had indicated that he did not intend to answer the first. The contents of the second letter are not known but are believed to include a hint of "serious consequences" if the Peking Government fails to give immediate and complete satisfaction. With reference to this note, the Foreign Office spokesman told the United Press that it would remain unanswered because it was felt that General Yang Yu-ting had done everything "consistent with dignity" to clarify his position toward Japan and the loan.

Chinese Bitter.

Chinese appear to be intensely bitter against the tone of Tokyo dispatches subsequent to the Yang Yu-ting interview. They see a threat of intervention in reports of conferences between Premier Tanaka, General Shirakawa, the War Minister and others, dealing with the Chinese war situation. They base some hope, however, on a division in Japanese opinion in such way that a considerable section of the Japanese electorate would be against armed intervention.

Diplomatically, the entire situation is anomalous, Japan does not recognise the Government of Marshal Chang Tso-lin but the Japanese Minister, apparently on instruction from Tokyo, is carrying on an exchange of letters and messages with the Marshal's chief-of-staff with all the heavy formality of a first-class diplomatic incident.

CLEANING SCHOOLS.

DISAPPEARING SCRUBBING BRUSH.

"Before two years have passed I hope such a thing as a scrubbing-brush will not be known in our schools," said Mrs. Wilton Phillips at a meeting of the London County Council Education Committee, announcing the result of the oil treatment of the floors of schools. "Of course I am old-fashioned, and I have a preference for the scrubbing-brush, but I have frankly to admit that the new method of cleaning has made a great deal of difference to both scholars and teachers."

The method had been extended to 100 additional schools, and had been used in 571 departments in 218 elementary schools. Extension of the treatment would ultimately effect a saving of about £4,000 a year. The experiment had been a very great success. The teachers were pleased with it, and the medical officers gave them very great encouragement concerning it.

Mrs. Dawson moved that the report referring to the cleansing of the schools go back to committee, as those who sat with her vied with suspicion the reduction proposed in a number of school-cleaners employed.

Mr. Manning, supporting, said that if £5,000 a year was to be saved by the adoption of the oil treatment of school floors he would prefer that the money saved went on to the wages of the women whom they had to employ.

The amendment was defeated and the report, which recommended that the scale of assistance to school keepers for cleaning should be reduced by two-thirds at schools where the floors were oiled, or polished and by one-third at other schools, was carried.

DISTANT STATIONS.

AMPLIFIER WHICH WILL GIVE RESULTS.

In some recent notes we briefly mentioned an amplifier which could be attached to most receivers of the detector with reaction and one or two low-frequency stages type. By using this, the selectivity would be greatly increased.

It must, of course, be realised, says D. E. Montague in the *Sporting Life*, that to design an H. F. amplifier which would be universal in its application is practically an impossibility, but it has been my sole aim to produce a unit which will, in very many cases, give highly efficient results, and where this is not possible, to give reasonably good effects from the selectivity and distance viewpoints.

The amplifier consists of a tapped aerial coil, allowing auto coupling, this being tuned with a 0005 mf variable condenser.

Selectivity. It is arranged so that the aerial lead may be taken either to the tapping or to the top of the coil. The reason for this is that the selectivity required will probably be considerably more in some localities than in others. There is a small fixed condenser in the aerial lead. Many constructors will find that with a fairly long aerial its use is a considerable aid to selectivity, although with short aerials its use may give no improvement.

This explains the reason for the switch which allows it to be left in circuit or cut out, as may be found necessary.

The valve which amplifies at high frequency is coupled to the detector valve of the existing set by means of a split primary H. F. transformer, and the inter-valve capacity is neutralised by means of small variable condenser in a conventional manner.

The transformer is of the plug-in type, and the circuit connections are made to the six terminals on the base specially made for use with it. In the usual way the secondary winding is tuned by a variable condenser.

Connecting Up.

It is assumed that the existing set has primary coil tuning only—that is a single coil with the ends connected to aerial and earth, and thence to the grid of the first valve, and to the low-tension minus.

The coil is tune with a condenser, and when the amplifier is connected up this coil is withdrawn and the condenser then tunes the secondary of the transformer used in the amplifier.

There is a second variable condenser used in the amplifier. This is connected between a terminal on the transformer base and one of the output terminals. This condenser allows reaction to be obtained, and upon this the successful reception of distant stations depends to very great extent.

A rheostat is used for the valve filament heating control, for so many different types of valves are available that it may be desirable to be able to adjust the filament supply to the H. F. valve.

If the constructor desires to lessen the number of panel controls, this rheostat may be omitted in favour of one of the many fixed or "variable" fixed resistors which are on the market, and the latter may be mounted on the baseboard out of sight.

The constructional work is not

SENATOR QUEZON.

LEAVES WASHINGTON FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Dec. 19. Senator Manuel Quezon left Washington yesterday and Senator Osmeña will join him later at San Francisco to sail for Manila.

Although somewhat disappointed over the discovery of what he described as the fact that immediate independence for the Philippines was "by no means in sight," Senator Quezon appeared to deeply gratified generally over his mission here, especially the appointment of Col. Stimson as governor general.

Col. Stimson is expected to arrive in Washington next week to confer with President Coolidge and others regarding his new duties.—Associated Press.

very difficult, while the wiring is simplicity itself.

The size of the ebonite panel given in the list of components is the same as the one used in the original amplifier, but I would suggest that when building, it would be preferable to purchase all the components first and the panel left until last, for no doubt many constructors will wish to match their present receiver as much as possible in design and size.

The actual lay-out is not vitally important, for the valve, transformer, and reaction condenser are all mounted within the Formo Screening Box.

So far as the latter is concerned, this has a thin wooden base of its own, so that the valve holder and transformer base can be secured by means of wood screws.

The former should be mounted to the left of the box, and the latter towards the right, both being secured as far back as possible to prevent fouling when the condenser is rotated.

The ebonite panel should be secured to a baseboard of the same width.

This may be accomplished by means of wood screws or panel brackets.

Screening Box.

The screening box should be mounted upon this to the right and the Eamco screen, shielding the aerial coil, to the left, as near the rear as can be managed, to allow the aerial tuning condenser to be mounted upon the panel. I

would suggest mounting the six terminals which are to be connected to the receiver on a strip of ebonite on the right-hand side of the baseboard, but of course these may be mounted at the rear of the amplifier if it is found to be more convenient for connecting up to the set.

The other three terminals, may either be mounted on the left-hand side of the panel or on an ebonite strip on the baseboard whichever is preferable from the appearance point of view. If these are mounted on the baseboard no loose leads will be visible, so that this is probably the more desirable method.

There are, I think, no other details needed, for if the suggestions I have given are borne in mind there is little room for error in construction.

I should perhaps mention that it is essential to "bush" the condenser, for it must not touch the screening box.

REPRODUCTION.

LOW FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION.

In order to obtain good quality reproduction with adequate volume, it is necessary to use a power valve in the output stage of a receiver (that is, the stage which is connected to the loud-speaker) and to supply this valve with plenty of power.

This involves the use of either a large high tension battery giving a voltage of at least 120 and preferably of 160 to 200, or alternatively, some sort of battery eliminator arranged to work from the household supply of electricity.

In many instances it is not possible to use a battery eliminator because the house is not connected with an electric supply, or because the supply is not suitable, and the ordinary dry cell battery or accumulator has to be relied on for the high tension current.

Readers may complain of the expense and difficulty of maintaining a large high tension battery and the question has been asked whether arrangements cannot be made for using a battery of lower voltage to better advantage. It has been pointed out that listeners in country districts sometimes have their own power supply of 50 or 100 volts direct current, while a fair number of town dwellers have a mains supply of 100 or 120 volts.

Special Valves.

If these supplies of current could be used the bother of partly discharged high tension batteries and the expense of frequent renewals would be removed. But an ordinary type of receiver fitted with the usual make of receiving valve cannot give large volume without distortion when the high tension current has so little voltage.

Some time ago there were indications that special valves for working from a source of relatively low voltage would be introduced. These special valves were to be of the four electrode type, but apparently the manufacturers who were experimenting with these valves decided that the demand would not justify them in placing the valves on the market for very little is heard of them nowadays.

Makers of components, however, have realised that there is a demand for receivers which will give satisfactory results from a low voltage supply, and they are therefore attempting to popularise a system of amplification in which special transformers are used.

New Amplifier.

This new amplifier uses what is known as the push-pull circuit, and it is necessary to employ two special transformers. The system is not new by any means, but it is only of late that the special transformers that have to be used have been perfected. One of the pair of transformers is known as the input transformer, and while its primary is joined to the anode of a valve in the usual way its secondary is connected to the grids of two valves.

The secondary winding of the transformer is, therefore, divided into two parts, so that this special transformer has five terminals instead of the more usual number of four. The amplified currents produced in the output circuit of the two valves are then combined

HEAT FROM A MAIN.

SUPPLIED TO PARIS LIKE GAS OR ELECTRICITY.

Hot water and central heating are to be distributed like gas and electric current by the Paris Municipal Council. That body decided to instal a trial distribution station for hot water and central heating on an old factory site in the east of Paris.

If people show an inclination to avail themselves of this public utility service other distribution stations will be inaugurated in the western and southern suburbs.

STRANDED IN YACHT.

VICEROY'S ADVENTURE.

Jamnagar (Nawanagar). Nov. 16.

Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, and Lady Irwin had an adventurous journey to-day from Roziibunder, which they left at six o'clock this morning on board the Maharaja of Nawanagar's famous yacht, Star of Asia. Unfortunately the yacht struck on a sandbank on the far side of the wide Gulf of Cutch, and some of the Viceregal party were obliged to cross the gulf in a small boat, while others crossed in the cargo steamer Monte Dorro.

In consequence of their adventure the Viceroy and his staff were all in plain clothes when they arrived. On all sides expressions of sympathy were heard for the Maharaja, to whom the mishap was a great disappointment. The yacht, however, is not damaged and is expected to arrive here in the morning.

On landing, after a brilliant reception by the Maharaja and a number of important persons, the Viceroy drove along the gaily decorated route with the Maharaja, receiving a cordial welcome from cheering crowds.

The Maharaja of Nawanagar was formerly famous in the cricket field as Prince Ranjitsingh.

Lord Birkenhead has been elected Rector of Aberdeen University in succession to Viscount Cecil, with 316 votes, Sir A. Sinclair (Liberal) polling 307, and Mr. John Masefield (Independent), 200.

by the output transformer, which has the loudspeaker connected to it.

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Three Advantages.

The push-pull system of amplification, therefore, offers three advantages. In the first place, distortion is minimised; secondly, very good volume can be obtained with a minimum of distortion from a supply of high tension current of fairly low voltage; and thirdly, no battery current passes through the loud-speaker.

This method of amplification is well worth the attention of listeners who prefer to use a low voltage supply of high tension current. The special transformers may be purchased from several of the well-known wireless transformer manufacturers, who also supply a diagram showing how they should be connected.—W. James in "Morning Post."

STATE GRANT.

22,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR MORE CLUBS.

MINISTRY'S POLICY.

A new decision of the Air Ministry to grant subsidies of £2,000 a year for three years to each of four additional light aeroplane clubs was announced by Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, when he opened the Bristol and Wessex Aeroplane Club at Filton Aerodrome, near Bristol.

"During the last few months," he said, "we have been considering very carefully the future of the light aeroplane clubs and the way in which the Air Ministry can assist them in their official organisation.

So far we have been able to give a subsidy from public funds to six clubs. We are now in a position to increase the number, and among the first of the new clubs we have selected for subsidy is the Bristol and Wessex Club. (Cheers.)

"The basis of the subsidy is to be payment by results, and with that principle we are prepared to pay £50 to the club for every pilot who has got his A or B certificate.

We are prepared, in addition, to pay £10s. for every flying hour up to a maximum of twenty hours flown by an A or B certified pilot. In addition, we shall make a grant of £10 in respect of each member holding an A or B certificate in force on the previous January 1.

£2,000 Maximum.

"We are prepared to make these grants up to a maximum of £2,000 a year for any one club for three years on the definite understanding that at the end of the three years the club will be able to stand on its own foundations without the need of a Government subsidy.

"I hope that at the end of that time there will be no need for subsidy. It is much better for your club and for everybody concerned to be able to depend on yourselves, and not to be tied down by the conditions inevitable in the case of any organisation receiving Government money.

"Bristol, as the capital of the West of England, is one of the first clubs. Norwich will be another, as the capital of the East of England. The third new club will be Nottingham in the Midlands, and the fourth will be the Scottish Flying Club in Scotland. It may be possible, after we go into finance in greater detail, to include one or two other clubs."

He wished the Bristol Club success, and hoped that Bristol would not only deserve the Government subsidy but would prove itself to be one of the great civil flying centres of the country.

A Growing Movement.

The light aeroplane club movement, he said, was one of the most interesting in the world of flying. Two years ago it was started as a British movement peculiar to this country. Since that time a number of clubs had sprung up, and they have been very successful in training pilots and popularising flying generally. To-day, although the six clubs had only been in existence for a short time, there were no fewer than 1,500 members, and 157 had already taken their A and B certificates.

There was no name in the world of flying more famous than Bristol. Wherever pilots gathered, the name of the Bristol flying was well known. In his journey with Lady Maud to India, he had a remarkable experience of the soundness of Bristol work, for during the whole of those many thousands of miles over which they flew the three Jupiter Bristol engines carried them without repair of any kind.

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"The successful nation of the future will be the one which encourages aircraft service the most, and airports will become as important as seaports in the future," said Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation, lecturing on "Commercial Air Routes" at the Royal United Service Institution. Their plans for the future were beginning to concentrate on three objectives. These were:

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The provision of a branch service through Cairo, with some flying points in the Mediterranean, through Central Africa to Cape Town; and

An airship service in some direction not yet determined, although the possibilities for airship development were great.

With the aircraft they had to-day, and with the limited night flying, if they had the money, they could give a programme involving a great deal of flying by night, and a very good organisation on the ground, as regards refuelling, which would reduce the seventeen days to about 170 hours, roughly seven and a half days.

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MANILA CHINESE WELL
SATISFIED.

CONGRATULATIONS CABLED.

The Chinese community in Manila have expressed their satisfaction upon learning that the Nanking Government, in its official announcement, severed relations with Soviet Russia and ordered the closing of all Soviet Consulates within the Nationalist territory, as a result of the Canton uprising which was believed to be agitated by.

The Chinese community, when it received the news that the Nanking Government had stopped negotiations with Soviet Russia and closed the Russian consulates in China, sent cables expressing their congratulation for the action taken. The first cable was sent by the first branch of the Kuomintang party and was followed by the one from the Chinese National Union. This Union was only organised last year and is composed of many prominent Chinese such as Dee C. Chuan, Albino Z. SyCip, Dr. Chong Su See and many others.

To further show that the Chinese community are against the existence of Communists in China, all four Chinese dailies representing different parties among the Chinese, have strongly denounced and attacked the Communists who induced the labourers and peasants to rise against the representing different parties Canton government. The "Kong Li Po," the oldest Chinese daily representing the first branch of the Kuomintang; the "Man Ho Po," representing the Kuomintangists, most of whom are Cantonese; the Chinese Commercial News, a neutral paper edited by two young Chinese, both of them being graduates of the University of the Philippines; and the "Fokien Times," the only afternoon paper; through their editorial columns, have attacked the Communists.

D.S.C. FOR M. PAINLEVE.

Cambridge conferred the degree of Doctor of Science on M. Painleve, the French War Minister and Professor of Analytical and Celestial Mechanics at the Sorbonne, Paris. Among others present was M. de Fleurau, the French Ambassador.

The ceremony over, M. Painleve was escorted in his scarlet gown to the Arts School, where for an hour he lectured in French on the resistance to the displacement of a solid within a liquid.

On the conclusion of his lecture M. Painleve was given a great ovation. At night he was entertained to dinner at Trinity College, at which the guests were all distinguished scientists.

Before going to Cambridge, M. Painleve paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Baldwin at 10, Downing Street.

RELIGIOUS FRAUD.

BENJAMIN PURNELL, OF
"HOUSE OF DAVID."

VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS.

St. Joseph, Michigan, Dec. 19. "King" Benjamin Purnell, alleged divine messenger and for more than a quarter-century head of a notorious religious colony known as the House of David, died of tuberculosis last Friday, it was revealed to-day.

Announcement was withheld until to-day because "King Ben's" fanatic followers had expected their chieftain to come to life once more in a miraculous resurrection.

When the predicted time had passed and the body continued to lie stiff and cold, heads of the cult reluctantly allowed the news to become public.

Long in Public Eye.

Purnell has figured in newspaper news and gossip for many years. His colony suffered practically a death-blow on November 10 when Judge Louis Fead held that the cult was a public nuisance on account of immorality practised at the House of David.

Judge Fead refused to dissolve the colony, but recommended a receivership which would take care of the claims of past and present members who, he said, had been defrauded of their property and labour by the "divinity" claims of Purnell.

An injunction was subsequently issued restraining the "King" from further association with women of the colony save "under proper protective conditions," following introduction of evidence showing that Purnell had, as charged by the State, practised gross immorality and fraud. It was found also that there was a "system of perjury drilled into members and practised on the occasion of this hearing.

Judge Fead found that King Ben's immoral practices had extended from the time the colony was organised, March 17, 1908, until he became physically incapacitated. He pointed out that Benjamin's claim to be a "divine messenger" was fraudulent, inasmuch as he was immoral.

Long Time "Immoral."

At the time of Purnell's death the entire property of the colony, which he had laboured for many years to scrape together and tie up in ways which would lead to benefit to himself, was being held under receivership pending settlement of claims of members and former members. The aggregate value of this property is said to be \$6,000,000.

While Purnell had intended to fight with an appeal, the precarious condition of his health had indicated that he would have great difficulty in making an effective battle.

—United Press.

RIPPER MURDER.

BANK MESSENGER ARRESTED
IN OREGON.

A BODY DISMEMBERED.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 22. A confession that he had kidnapped Marian Parker, 12-year-old Los Angeles girl who was murdered and her body dismembered, was made here to-day by William E. Hickman, a former bank messenger. Hickman was arrested near Echo, Ore.

The youth named Andrew Cramer as his partner in the crime, and accused him of having killed the girl and cut up her body. Hickman admitted, however, that it was he who collected \$1,500 ransom from the child's father and then threw the girl's torso from his car after he had obtained the money.

Hickman said that he intended to use the ransom to go to college. A part of the money was found in his possession when he was arrested.

When first taken into custody, the youth denied knowledge of the girl's death, saying that after taking the child to a show he turned her over to her partner, and knew nothing of her whereabouts since that time.

He also expressed regret that the girl was dead. "Marian and I were good friends he said, 'I really liked her and I am very sorry she was killed.'

The murder aroused one of the greatest manhunts in the history of Los Angeles. Thousands of private citizens aided the authorities and rewards totalling \$50,000 were offered for the slayer's arrest.—Associated Press.

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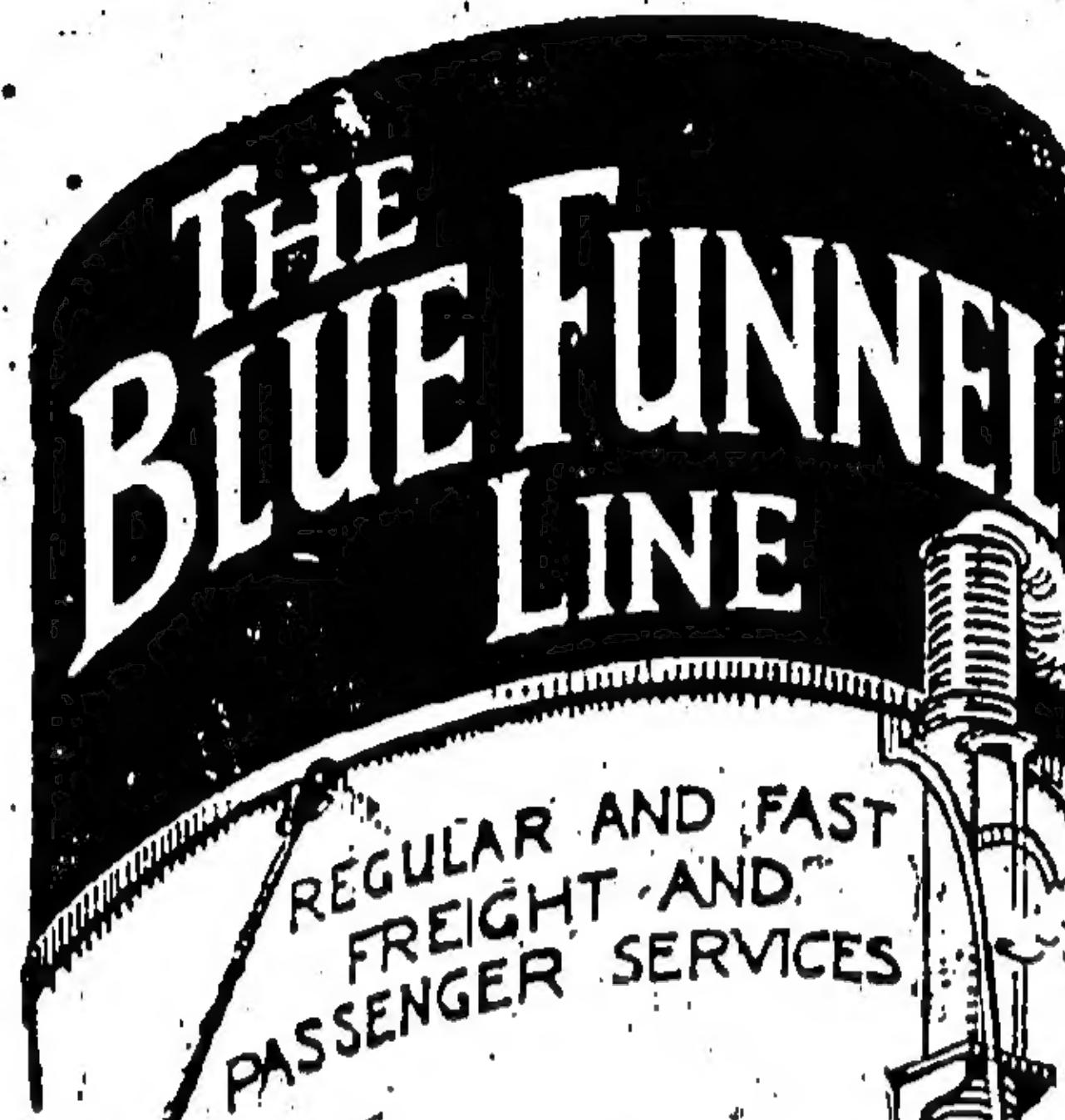
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